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Left: Austin Graff, 8, from Centerfield, Utah, watches snow fall Tuesday in Vail, Colo. A storm dumped up to five inches of snow in the Colorado high country on Tuesday and more was expected overnight as the seasons changed from summer to fall. Above: Engineer Kevin Wilcomb of the Georgetown Loop Railway trudges back to the station in Silver Plume, Colo.

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World

Serbia assassination trial: A key witness in the trial of the alleged assassins of Slobodan Milosevic's political opponents testified behind closed doors Wednesday in Belgrade, Serbia-Montenegro, amid reports that threats had been made against him.

The testimony of Nenad Sare, who was present when former Serbian President Ivan Stambolic was killed in 2000, is crucial for the proceedings against Milosevic and several of his former associates implicated in the slaying. No details of the testimony were made public.

Sare took part in Stambolic's kidnapping and stood guard when he was executed. He was not charged in the murder after agreeing to cooperate with authorities in the case.

Iran nuclear dispute: Iranian President Mohammad Khatami called on the international community Wednesday to recognize Iran's right to enrich uranium, again insisting Tehran will pursue a nuclear program that some — including the United States — suspect is aimed at developing weapons.



Khatami

Khatami warned that Iran would continue its nuclear program even if it meant ending cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog.

Iranian officials have denounced demands by the IAEA that Iran cease its uranium enrichment program, a process that can produce fuel for both nuclear power stations and nuclear weapons, as "illegal."

Japan mad cow case: Japan confirmed its 13th case of mad cow disease Wednesday after a slaughtered Holstein tested positive for the brain-wasting illness, a government food safety official said.

The 8-year-old dairy cow in Nara prefecture, or state, was found to have the illness after an exam given by a state-run infectious disease research institute in Tokyo, said Seichiro Minase of the Nara food safety office.

The cow's meat and organs had not gone on the market and officials said the meat processing center in western Japan where it was dismembered will be thoroughly disinfected.

Russia space launch: Russian space officials on Wednesday delayed for two days the launch of a space craft to carry a replacement crew to the international space station, citing problems with the vessel's docking system.

The Soyuz space craft was scheduled to blast off from Russia's Baikonur cosmodrome on Oct. 9 with Russian cosmonaut Salizhan Sharipov and U.S. astronaut Leroy Chiao. They are to replace cosmonaut Gennady Padalka and astronaut Mike Fincke, who are winding down a six-month mission on the orbiting station.

States

Martha Stewart trial: Ink expert Larry Stewart exuded confidence earlier this year as he testified against Martha Stewart in



South Korean deployment to Iraq: South Korean troops arrive at a military camp in Irbil, Iraq, earlier this month. About 2,800 troops have completed deployment to northern Iraq to become the third largest coalition partner after the United States and Britain, officials said Wednesday. Maj. Gen. Song Ki-seok, a top operations officer at Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the deployment had been completed on Wednesday without incident.

New York. Asked whether he was familiar with international standards for ink analysis, he said: "I wrote them."

No one disputed his expertise — he was laboratory director for the Secret Service. But prosecutors say Larry Stewart went too far in other parts of his testimony, and he now faces his own trial on perjury charges.

Jury selection was set to begin Wednesday, with lawyers for Martha Stewart watching the trial closely. Although she's headed to prison — a judge on Tuesday ordered her to surrender for her five-month sentence by Oct. 8 — the charges against Larry Stewart will continue to figure prominently in her appeal.

Mars rovers extension: NASA thinks its Mars rovers just might keep going and going.

The space agency has funded another extension of their mission, for an additional six months, if they last.

The latest funding came as NASA regained reliable contact with the rovers Spirit and Opportunity after a 12-day period in which Mars passed nearly behind the sun, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory said.

The rovers, which have found evidence of past water activity on the Red Planet, landed on opposite sides of Mars in January and completed their primary, three-month missions on the surface in April.

Terror indictment: Authorities have indicted the brother-in-law of a Florida professor accused in a terrorism financing case.

Mazen Al-Najjar, a Palestinian, was deported from the United States in August 2002 and is believed to be in Lebanon. He is the brother-in-law of University of South Florida professor Sami Al-Arian.

Besides facing racketeering and conspiracy charges, Al-Najjar specifically was charged with perjury for denying to an immigration court judge that he was a member of the terror group Islamic Jihad, knew other members or provided the group with financial support.

Lottery winner: Three men burglarized the home of Jack Whittaker, winner of the biggest lottery jackpot in U.S. history, as an acquaintance of Whittaker's lay dead inside, police said Tuesday.

Whittaker was not home at his Winfield W.Va. home at the time, and Chief Deputy John Dailey said the death of Jesse Joe Tribble, 18, was not related to the burglary and was not a homicide. It may have been drug-related, Dailey said.

"We're pretty sure they knew he was dead. That's why they went inside and took the stuff," Dailey said.

D.C.-area sniper: The judge presiding over the second prosecution of a man convicted in a Washington-area shooting spree has removed himself from the case after prosecutors claimed he improperly conducted his own investigation into whether the man had been denied a speedy trial.

Circuit Court Judge Jonathan C. Thacher, in a letter to prosecutors and defense attorneys made public Tuesday, said he is removing himself from the case of John Allen Muhammad even though he believes he did nothing wrong.



Muhammad

Military

Bush-Koizumi meetings: President Bush and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, meeting Tuesday during the annual opening session of the U.N. General Assembly, agreed to accelerate discussions on how to reposition or reduce U.S. troops in such Japanese locations as Okinawa, said a senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Stories and photos from wire services

Correction

A front-page teaser in Wednesday's editions misidentified Chief Roy Dean Bullcoming of Seiling, Okla.

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Iraqi detainees won't be released

'Dr. Germ,' 'Mrs. Anthrax' still being held, U.S. says

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A senior Iraqi official said Wednesday that a decision had been made to release a top female germ-warfare scientist for Saddam Hussein, but Iraq's leader and U.S. officials moved quickly to squelch the idea that she would be freed soon.

Iraqi militants who beheaded two Americans have threatened to kill a Briton unless female detainees are let go.

After the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad said there would be no immediate release of either of the two women in U.S. custody, Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said there were no immediate plans to free the detainees, disputing the earlier statement by his Justice Department that a decision was made to release one of them.

Allawi told The Associated Press that his government has begun reviewing the status of its detainees, including the two female scientists known as "Dr. Germ" and "Mrs. Anthrax" for their involvement in Saddam Hussein's biological weapons programs.

But he said the review process had nothing to do with the current hostage situation and had started weeks ago in Iraq.

"We have not been negotiating and we will not negotiate with terrorists on the release of hostages," he said in a telephone interview from New York. "No release takes place unless I authorize it."

A decapitated body was found in Baghdad on Wednesday. The family of hostage Jack Hensley said it had received confirmation that the body was Hensley, whose slaying was announced a day earlier by the al-Qaida-linked militant group loyal to Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Meanwhile, U.S. aircraft and tanks attacked rebel positions in Baghdad's Sadr City slum, killing 10 people and wounding 92.

Suicide attackers set off two car bombs in Baghdad, in the center killing six people. The second, in the upscale district of Mansur, wounded four U.S. servicemen and two Iraqis.

Two U.S. Army soldiers were killed in separate incidents in northern Iraq on Wednesday, officials said. One soldier was killed by a roadside bomb about three miles south of Tikrit. The other died of his wounds following an attack on a patrol in the northern town of Mosul.



U.S. Army soldiers ball out after their Bradley fighting vehicle was disabled Wednesday by a roadside bomb during a major incursion into the Sadr City section of Baghdad.

In Samarra, clashes erupted after sunset Wednesday in the central city where U.S. forces had earlier claimed success against militants waging a 17-month insurgency, police said.

At least one child was killed and five people wounded in fighting in the city's northeastern neighborhood of Qadisiya, said police Maj. Raed Saddam Ahmad. Four houses were also damaged, he said.

The U.S. military did not immediately comment.

Also, the spiritual leader of al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group was killed in a U.S. airstrike several days ago in a Baghdad suburb, the man's father said.

The conflicting U.S. and Iraqi statements raised questions over who has authority in the country, even after the handover of sovereignty to Allawi's interim government in June. U.S. officials have been saying that they have been giving more decision-making power to Iraqis, including over security matters.

The U.S. military says it has two Iraqi women in custody, both high-profile scientists raised over who has authority in the country, even after the handover of sovereignty to Allawi's interim government in June. U.S. officials have been saying that they have been giving more decision-making power to Iraqis, including over security matters.

Madi Ammash, a biotech researcher known as "Mrs. Anthrax."

Justice Ministry spokesman Noori Abdul-Rahim Ibrahim announced that Iraq and coalition officials had decided to release Taha on bail — though he underlined that the decision was not related to the kidnappers' demands.

But soon afterward, a U.S. Embassy spokesman ruled out any immediate release. The two female scientists from Saddam's regime "are in our legal and physical custody. Legal status of these two and many others is under constant review," the spokesman said.

Representatives of the Iraqi government and U.S. coalition forces have identified a group of about 14 high-value detainees, including Taha, who may be eligible for release because they are no longer needed for questioning and do not pose a security threat, a multinational force official said on condition of anonymity.

The Iraqi government has already assented to all the names on the list, the official said. The list has gone to coalition forces and the U.S. Embassy for final approval.

More than 130 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq, and at least 26 of them have been killed. Many more Iraqis have also been seized in the chaos since Saddam was ousted last year, in many cases for ransom.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 1,037 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 787 died as a result of hostile action and 250 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 65 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 899 U.S. military members have died — 678 as a result of hostile action and 221 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers Monday.

Since the start of the U.S. military operations in Iraq, 7,413 U.S. servicemen and women have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ Two Marines were killed in separate attacks west of Baghdad, the military said Tuesday.

■ The latest identifications reported by the Defense Department:

■ Army Pfc. James W. Price, 22, Cleveland, Tenn.; killed Saturday when an explosive hit his vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq, assigned to 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Army Sgt. Thomas C. Rosenbaum, 25, Hope, Ark.; killed Saturday when an explosive hit his vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq, assigned to 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

NATO allies agree on expanded Iraq training plan

BY PAUL AMES
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — NATO allies agreed Wednesday on plans to send hundreds of instructors to run a training center for Iraq's armed forces after easing French concerns that had delayed a deal for a week.

"We are very pleased that this step has now been taken," said NATO spokesman James Appathurai.

The plan would deploy about 300 allied instructors to Iraq to operate a academy for Iraqi officers outside Baghdad.

"This assistance should be oriented to help Iraq build the capability of its government to address the security needs of the Iraqi people," Appathurai told reporters.

Allied military experts approved the arrangements last week, but France and Belgium officials agreed Wednesday on clarification of the funding, command arrangements and protection of the training mission.

Officials said Paris accepted a revised plan drafted at a meeting of ambassadors from the 26 NATO allies Wednesday morning.

Belgium dropped its reservations Tuesday after receiving assurances on the funding of the mission.

France, Belgium, Germany and Spain have indicated they will not send instructors to Iraq and wanted to ensure that the bulk of the costs would be covered by participating nations. Under the agreement NATO will also coordinate

training of Iraqi officers outside the country.

Paris also wanted to strictly define the role of the instructors and any NATO soldiers sent to protect them and clarify the position of U.S. Lt. Gen. David Petraeus who will command the alliance mission as well as maintaining his current role heading the much wider U.S. operation to rebuild Iraq's armed forces.

Although diplomats played down the significance of the hold up, they warned more delays would risk reopening the divisions that plunged NATO into crisis early last year when France, Germany and Belgium opposed the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

France has insisted it would prefer any NATO training to be kept outside Iraq. However, Paris

lifted its objections to an alliance mission in July, allowing about 40 NATO instructors to deploy to Iraq in August. French officials have continued to insist that the operation keep a low profile.

The new plan would expand that mission, but still provide only a modest alliance role on the ground in Iraq. Allies rejected wider plans for NATO to take on much more of the training of Iraq's new security forces, which are scheduled to grow to 250,000. The bulk of the training will be done by U.S.-led coalition troops in Iraq.

Portugal on Wednesday said it was considering sending instructors to Iraq, but it was not immediately clear if they would be part of the NATO mission or joining the efforts of the multinational coalition.

Although several NATO allies have individually sent troops to join the coalition, objections from France and Germany had previously prevented the alliance from taking any collective role in Iraq, apart from offering logistical support to U.S. troops.

The alliance is, however, already looking at helping on other fronts, such as helping to rearmament and modernization of Iraq's armed forces and offering advice to ensure they remain under democratic control.

The alliance may also offer technical assistance in areas such as border protection and surveillance of Iraq's narrow coastline. It could also provide training for a U.N. mission before elections planned for January.

GI goes online with plea: 'Buy us beer'

Soldier in Iraq runs Web site asking for donations to post-deployment beer fund

BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HABBANIYAH, Iraq — To Sgt. Dale Rogers of Company C, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, the near-beer that soldiers sometimes get in Kuwait and Iraq tastes like something drained through a wet sock.

But that's the closest the beer-loving soldier from Strike Force, the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, will get to his favorite drink in the next few months of his deployment in Iraq.

But the cyber-savvy soldier has plans to make up for the lost consumption during mid-tour leave to Qatar and when he and his fellow servicemen return to the States next year. And it won't cost him a cent.

Rogers is the creative force behind beersoldiers.com, a Web site that allows true patriots to buy soldiers a beer online. The infantryman set up the Web site in February just before he joined 1-503 in South Korea, where the unit was based before deployment to Iraq last month.

"I knew I was going to Korea and I knew I was going to be thirsty. I didn't want to drink alone and I didn't want to pay for it out of my own pocket," he said.

Plenty of people are willing to buy soldiers a beer, said Rogers, who often receives free drinks from grateful citizens at bars back home in the States. And even

more appear willing to pony up because the Internet is involved, he said.

"People will pay for anything on the Internet. A guy dropped his MP3 player and people gave donations to fix it," he said.

[Beersoldiers.com](http://beersoldiers.com) allows beer buyers to click on links that charge their credit cards for anything from \$2 for a "40-oz. beer" to \$6 for a "tall beer from the bar," to \$7 for a six-pack. Other donation options include \$10 for a "pitcher" or \$20 for a "keg club."

The site includes dozens of photographs Rogers takes of soldiers enjoying the free beer.

"I go to a pub where there are 20 to 30 soldiers around the bar. I ring the bell and say: 'Free beer for everybody.' The bartenders think I'm crazy. I get to meet new people and new soldiers and I will buy two or three rounds," he said.

One night Rogers spent more than \$800 on free beer for soldiers at Outback Steakhouse and Gecko's bar in Itaewon, South Korea, he said.

"A lot of times I had to spend out of my own pocket. I'd buy a round and the Web site would buy a round. Now it's getting to the point where the Web site buys all the beer," he said.

Extra beer funding is provided from the sale of T-shirts with the message: "Hold my beer while I kiss your girl" and "www.beersoldiers.com" stamped on them, he said.

"They sell like hotcakes," Rogers said.



SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

Soldiers in Iraq crave beer, women and high-speed Internet connections, in that order, said Sgt. Dale Rogers. The thirsty soldier addressed the No. 1 problem by creating beersoldiers.com, a Web site that invites visitors to donate money to a beer fund that will purchase frothy beverages for 2nd Infantry Division troops on mid-tour leave from Iraq and that will sponsor a homecoming celebration once the one-year deployment is over.

Soldiers in Iraq crave beer, women and high-speed Internet connections, in that order, Rogers said. And near-beer does not really count.

"People still drink it and imagine it tastes like beer, but to me it tastes like [something] unmentionable" drained through a wet sock. I am dying for a real beer," said Rogers, who updates beersoldiers.com and another, more serious patriots Web site — rangerjarhead.com — at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Internet cafe at Camp Habbaniyah.

[Beersoldiers.com](http://beersoldiers.com) costs \$120 a year to run but pulls in from \$200 to \$600 per

month in beer money, Rogers said. At that rate, it should have accumulated almost \$5,000 by the end of Strike Force's Iraq tour, he estimates.

Some of the money will buy beer for soldiers during mid-tour leave in Qatar. The rest will be spent on a homecoming party. "I'm going to rent a hotel banquet room and have a big beer-for-soldiers bash where the public is invited. Just fly there or show up and drink free beer paid for by the Web site and thank soldiers in person," said Rogers, who plans to publish details of the event on the Web site for all to see.

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Vietnam vets speak up for 'good guys' from Abu Ghraib unit

BY DAVID DISHNEAU
The Associated Press

CUMBERLAND, Md. — When Army reservists from the 372nd Military Police Company are welcomed home Friday at a belated public ceremony, the loudest cheers likely will come from the local chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America, who say they're heeding their vow to never again let one generation of veterans be shunned by another.

Seven members of the 372nd were accused of abuse at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, and the Vietnam vets say they want the community to embrace the company's other soldiers, who they believe have been unfairly treated.

"It was only a small percentage that did what they did, yet this town was fitted for by 19 or 20 different TV channels from all around the world and all they wanted to talk about was what had happened at Abu Ghraib, and you can't do that," said Roger Krueger, president of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 172.

The unit's other members are the "good guys," Krueger said. "They should be proud of what they've done."

He and other Vietnam vets say they spent first hand about ostracism. Krueger, who knew 2½ years in Vietnam and Southeast Asia with the Army in the early 1970s, said that when he returned, he found he had lost his old job at a civilian-run base exchange at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas.

"I guess we weren't fit for dealing with the public because of the perception some people had about Vietnam vets," he said.

Stephen Parsons, a chapter board member, ticks off the stereotypes: "We were baby killers, we were

hoodlums, we were junkies, we were dope addicts, we fought in a war that we shouldn't have been in."

Parsons, a former Marine, said innocent members of the 372nd likely will face discrimination because of the abuses at Abu Ghraib.

"All they're going to be remembered for — and maybe not just them, maybe everybody — in years to come, they're going to talk about this and say, 'Oh, yeah, that was the one where they tortured all the prisoners,'" Parsons said.

Staff Sgt. Sean L. Davis of Fort Ashby, Va., said he hasn't experienced disapproval, at least from local residents, since he returned with most of the unit's 180 members in early August after nearly 1½ years away.

Still, he feels slighted, he said, because the honorable things his unit did in Iraq — training Iraqi police officers, protecting civilian contractors — have been obscured by the abuses at Abu Ghraib.

Davis said the decision to forgo a public homecoming seven weeks ago was made by the unit's members, who wanted to rejoin their families in Maryland and surrounding states without facing reporters.

Now that the media attention has lessened, Davis said he's ready for a public ceremony — and humbled by the Vietnam vets' attention.

"Those guys, in my mind, went through far worse than what I went through," he said. "I think thanks coming from a guy like that is undeserved because they're the real heroes."

In addition to the seven enlisted soldiers from the 372nd who were charged with abuses at Abu Ghraib, at least seven officers have been disciplined. Twenty-seven other people, mostly from the 25th Military Intelligence Brigade, were accused in an Aug. 25 Army report of complicity.



Roger Krueger, president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 172, from Cumberland, Md., speaks at the chapter headquarters last week. Vietnam veterans in Maryland say they sympathize with members of the 372nd Military Police Company, who have been tainted by association with seven comrades accused of abusing prisoners in Iraq.

.S. soldier killed in Afghanistan

Gitmo releases 11 prisoners, including former Taliban leader

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — An attack on a patrol killed an American soldier, the third U.S. fatality this week in Afghanistan, the military said Wednesday, amid a flurry of attacks that wounded or killed a dozen Americans in the run-up to the Oct. 9 presidential election.

Meanwhile, a group of 11 prisoners, including a former Taliban commander, arrived home from the U.S. jail at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The soldier died in an attack on a security patrol on Monday in Khost province, said Maj. Scott Nelson, a military spokesman, but he provided no further details.

The military had already announced the death of two U.S. troops Monday in another incident — an attack in neighboring Pakista province.

The two were killed by mortar fire when a "large force of anti-aircraft militants" attacked a security patrol in Pakista.

Six Afghan soldiers were wounded.

The U.S.-led force called in A-10 ground-attack aircraft and a B-1 bomber, which dropped two 500-pound bombs on the attackers. At least nine militants were killed, Nelson said.

U.S.-led troops clashed with militants in eight separate locations Monday, he said. A total of 14 Americans were injured and one Afghan soldier was listed as missing, he said.

Two Americans wounded by a roadside bomb were being taken to Germany for treatment for "non-life-threatening" injuries, Nelson said. He didn't give details of the other injuries.

More than 900 people have died in political violence across Afghanistan this year, underlining the country's continued instability more than three years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks triggered a U.S. campaign to oust the Taliban and al-Qaida allies.

Since then, Taliban holdouts and anti-government factions have sustained an insurgency across the south and east, despite the presence of up to 20,000 U.S. led troops and an offer of amnesty by President Hamid Karzai to all but a few dozen leaders.

Karzai has released hundreds of Taliban prisoners from Afghan jails ahead of the election, and on Wednesday officials presented 11 Afghans freed from the U.S. prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"The prisoners have shown their strong support for the peace-building and reconstruction process of the country and we will continue to take an active part in it," Karzai's office said.



Naim Kuchi, center, a leader of Afghan nomadic Kuchi tribe detained near Kabul by U.S. forces last year, arrives at the presidential palace in Kabul, on Wednesday. A group of at least 10 Afghans, including a nomad leader who fought with the Taliban, have been released from a U.S. prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, officials said Wednesday.

A U.S. military spokesman said the prisoners were released at the Afghan government's request.

They included Naim Kuchi, a leader of Afghanistan's nomadic Kuchi tribe, who was detained near Kabul by U.S. forces in January 2003.

At the time, the military provided no explanation for his arrest,

although human rights groups said he was detained on suspicion of weapons smuggling.

Another former prisoner, Bader Zaman Bader, said he was interrogated "150 times" by his American jailers but never abused. However, another from the group, who declined to give his name, insisted he was beaten "incredibly."

One charge dropped in case of Iraqi drowning

The Associated Press

FORT CARSON, Colo. — The Army dropped conspiracy charges against two soldiers accused in the drowning death of an Iraqi civilian after complaints that higher-ranking soldiers were treated more leniently.

First Lt. Jack M. Saville and Sgt. 1st Class Tracy E. Perkins of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team still face charges of manslaughter, assault, making false official statements and obstruction of justice in the Jan. 3 death.

The conspiracy charges were dropped Monday. At the same time, prosecutors made technical changes in the remaining charges that could bring sentences of up to 29 years in prison, instead of the 26 years that the previous charges carried.

Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., whose district includes Fort Carson, had criticized the Army for giving lesser, administrative punishments to three senior officers who acknowledged in a hearing that they ordered Saville and Perkins to let about the death.

Saville and Perkins are accused of pushing a man identified by his family as Zaidoun Fadel Hassan into the Tigris River in Iraq.

Insurgency prompts U.S. totap into fund

BY JOHN HENDREN

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A relentless insurgency in Iraq has prompted the Pentagon to begin spending money from a \$25 billion emergency fund that Bush administration officials had once said would not be needed this year, officials said Tuesday.

Unable to tap into regular 2005 funding until the Oct. 1 start of the new fiscal year, the Pentagon has already spent more than \$2 billion from the emergency fund, which President Bush requested from Congress in May to pay for a war that is longer and more violent than he and his Pentagon strategists had predicted. The money will help pay for equipment for troops heading to Iraq this fall.

The need to dip into the fund, which also covers the war in Afghanistan, highlights the intensity of an Iraqi insurgency that has virtually wrested control of several cities — most notably Fallujah and the northern city of Samarra — from 135,000 American troops and allied forces still operating in Iraq.

"It shows the pace of operations is far greater than anticipated," said Stanley E. Colander, a former House and Senate budget analyst and now general

manager of Financial Dynamics, a business communications company in Washington. "The cost is much greater than expected. All of the early estimates were based on the idea that we'd get in and out quickly, and that hasn't happened."

Although Army and Marine officials warned Congress of a coming funding shortfall in February, administration officials at that time said they would not need additional money for Iraq and Afghanistan this year. In May, however, the administration sought the \$25 billion emergency fund — calling it an "insurance policy" that probably would not be needed. Overriding an administration request that the money be available beginning Oct. 1, Congress made it accessible immediately.

Iraq is costing about \$4.4 billion a month, and reached a total cost of \$86.2 billion as of June, according to Pentagon figures.

Financial resources were not available this month, armed services either would have to cut other programs to shift money to the war or face the prospect of new troops going to battle without sufficient body armor, armored Humvees and other protective gear.

That, administration officials insist, will not happen.

Hostage's death confirmed

BY KRISTEN WYATT

The Associated Press

MARIETTA, Ga. — The family of hostage Jack Hensley has received confirmation that the headless body handed over to U.S. officials in Iraq is his, a family spokesman said Wednesday.

The family was told the news Wednesday, the day Hensley would have turned 49. Cobb County police spokesman Robert Quigley said outside Hensley's Marietta home.

The body was handed over to American authorities in Baghdad, the U.S. Embassy said.

In an interview on NBC's "Today," Hensley's brother, Ty Hensley, said Hensley's wife, Patti, was "extraordinarily devastated."

"She is a widow now," Ty Hensley said. "She is a mother of a 13-year-old daughter. She's also a caregiver of two mothers. What has fallen upon her is an extraordinary amount of weight."

The discovery of the body came a day after a posting on an Islamic Web site had claimed that an al-Qaida-linked group in Iraq had slain a second American, presumably Hensley. It came a day after the group said it beheaded fellow U.S. hostage Eugene Armstrong.

The White House offered condolences to the Hensley family Wednesday.

"Their strength during a difficult time is amazing. The terror-



From left, Hensley family friends Pat Cochran, Gwen Harley, Colleen Cole and her daughter, Chelsea, 14, comfort each other as family spokesperson Jake Haley, not pictured, talks to members of the media in front of the home of American hostage Jack Hensley in Marietta, Ga., on Tuesday. A spokesman said Wednesday that the family received confirmation that Hensley was dead.

ists want to shake our will, but they will not," said Scott McClellan, a White House spokesman. "It shows the true barbaric nature of the enemies we face in Iraq, that they would take innocent civilian life. They will be defeated, they will not prevail."

Hensley, Armstrong and an Englishman, Kenneth Bigley, were kidnapped last Thursday from a house that the three civil engineers, working for the construction firm Gulf Services Co., shared in an upscale Baghdad neighborhood.

Ty Hensley declined to answer directly when asked if he felt anger toward his brother's captors but said he felt that despite their demands, the hostage takers always intended to let the hostages go. They never called an embassy to communicate their demands, he said.

"The terrorists wanted to kill my brother and hurt my family," Ty Hensley said.

The captors, a militant Islamic group called al-Tawhid and Jihad, demanded the release of female prisoners from American jails in Iraq and set a 24-hour deadline.

D: Soliciting prostitute should end career

Proposed change to UCMJ part of increased crackdown on sex trade, trafficking

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Take part in sex for sale, and you could be going to jail.

Next year, troops caught paying a prostitute for sex could face dishonorable discharge and jail time under a proposed change to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, officials told Congress on Tuesday.

The Pentagon wants to add to the UCMJ a charge specifically addressing prostitution, and affixing a maximum punishment of one year of confinement and a dishonorable discharge for anyone convicted, Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary for defense for personnel and readiness, told the House Armed Services Committee.

And if approved, the charge would be applicable even in countries where prostitution is legal, Abell said.

"We will not be relying on host-nation laws," Abell said during Tuesday's issue forum on U.S. military's progress to combat trafficking and prostitution.

Abell anticipates the drafted Article 134 of the UCMJ will become military law early next year. It now is part of the 2004 annual review of proposed amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial that began this month, and is undergoing the mandatory 60-day public notice and comment period after being published in the Federal Register, Abell said.

Making the change to the UCMJ makes the Pentagon's policy of zero tolerance more real to the servicemember, Abell said. "It makes it more visible to that servicemember who might be tempted."

Addressing prostitution will go a long way to tackling the problem of human trafficking, in which people are kidnapped and sold into sex or labor slavery, Pentagon officials told Congress.

Worldwide, there are an estimated 800,000 men, women and children who are victims of human trafficking, with some 17,500 of them in the United States, said Ambassador John Miller, director of the State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

The Pentagon also is working to make UCMJ changes to address human trafficking.



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As dusk approaches, the lights come on in one of the many streets crowded with bars in Pattaya, Thailand. Pattaya is one of many places that troops can visit around the world where prostitution abounds. However, the Department of Defense is seeking to amend the Uniform Code of Military Justice to include jail time and a dishonorable discharge for servicemembers convicted of soliciting prostitution.

ing, both for sex and forced labor. Charges could include disciplinary action against someone who fails to report suspected trafficking and jail time and a dishonorable discharge for participating in such acts, he said.

And the officials said that they are working on getting the wording right so that the Pentagon could take contacts away from companies whose employees are caught engaging in such acts, he said.

Capt. Aaron Jenkins, a spokesman for Multinational Task Force-North at Eagle Base in Bosnia, said there have been no al-

legations of soldiers associating with prostitutes.

"Not on our watch," he said of the current rotation that began in March, adding he had no knowledge of it happening before then.

"There's been nothing like that at all."

Some soldiers recently started living in houses in communities away from the

base camps in Bosnia. But the majority of U.S. soldiers in country still live on base and generally aren't allowed to leave by themselves. So even those with a possible desire to bond with prostitutes don't have

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the opportunity.

That's also the case in Kosovo, where reports by groups such as Amnesty International have alleged that some peacekeepers, contractors and U.S. personnel have essentially encouraged human trafficking by visiting prostitutes.

American soldiers have not been publicly singled out in such allegations.

Jeff Biely, a press officer for the U.N. Mission in Kosovo, said "a small number of U.N. police have been found in violation of the rules." He said the organization has since taken measures to prevent such contacts.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Mark Cleaves, assigned to the Criminal Investigation Command at Camp Bondsteel, said there have been no cases of soldiers fraternizing with prostitutes during the current rotation of troops. And he said he was not aware of any cases before the rotation began.

While the extent of the situation in Iraq is unknown, members of Congress did send a letter to the State Department in May 2003 to ask what measures the administration would be taking "to fight against the emergence of prostitution and human trafficking industries in post-conflict Iraq," in light of reported abuses in the Balkans.

With the influx of international and U.S. personnel, both military and contractors, there has been an increase in Iraq of prostitutes and people forced into labor and debt bondage, particularly from India, said Sen. Herb Rodham, Clinton, D-N.Y.

Prostitution and human trafficking are still problems but progress has been made, particularly in South Korea, said Sen. Leon J. LaPorte, commander of U.S. Forces Korea.

"As part of our aggressive, ongoing efforts to curb prostitution and human trafficking in this area, our increased law-enforcement efforts have also resulted in the prosecution of more than 400 servicemen for related offenses, such as curfew violation and trespassing in posed off-limits locations," LaPorte said.

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House moves closer to OKing federal pay raise

BY DAN MORGAN
The Washington Post

Bill provides 3.5 percent increase, sets aside rules on contracting government jobs

The House on Tuesday moved closer to passing a major spending bill that provides a 3.5 percent pay raise for civilian federal employees and prevails over the Bush administration from proceeding with controversial rules encouraging competition between private contractors and federal workers for government jobs.

In a setback to the administration, the House voted 210 to 187 for an amendment by Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., setting aside the contracting rules issued last year. Twenty-four Republicans joined 185 Democrats and an independent in voting for the amendment, which is attached to an \$89.6 billion bill funding the Transportation and Treasury departments in fiscal 2005.

Administration officials con-

tend the rules are merely intended to make government more efficient. But federal employee unions and Republican and Democratic lawmakers with sizable numbers of federal constituents have argued that the rules are tilted to the advantage of the private sector.

"We're not trying to throw out competitive sourcing; we're trying to make the rules fair," Van Hollen said.

Van Hollen said the Bush administration contracting rules issued last year did away with a previous requirement that outside contractors demonstrate that they can save the government either 10 percent of its present costs, or \$10 million, by transferring services now performed by federal job holders.

Yesterday's vote, he said, was aimed at bringing the administration back to the bargaining table to make further changes sought by federal workers.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has added a similar provision blocking the new rules to its version of the spending bill. The full Senate is yet to take up that measure.

To some extent, the bipartisan support in the House reflects the far-flung nature of today's federal establishment, with agencies and branch offices in most congressional districts dealing with various programs and services, from federal law enforcement and immigration to counterterrorism, agricultural extension services, housing programs and veterans health care.

"Our nation is able to deploy our air, sea and land fleets safely and swiftly thanks to the muscle and logistical support of both federal civilian employees and military employees, so it is appropriate to provide them with equal pay," Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said in a recent statement.

After declining from 2 million to 1.7 million during President Clinton's administration, the government's civilian work force has risen slightly despite new Bush administration contracting rules aimed at encouraging the private sector to compete for jobs performed by federal employees.

The House's action yesterday, along with strong support for a 3.5 percent pay raise for 1.8 million civilian workers, was a vivid

contrast to the anti-government rhetoric often heard in the GOP-controlled House.

The Bush administration had proposed increasing the pay of nonmilitary government workers by only 1.5 percent for fiscal 2005.

But the House Appropriations Committee voted 42 to 16 for an amendment offered by Washington area lawmakers giving federal employees the same 3.5 percent raise as the uniformed military.

The nonmilitary payroll is expected to be about \$140 billion in 2005.

John Threlkeld, legislative representative for the American Federation of Government Employees, said the contracting rules "are manifestly unfair."

Germany pulls out of military expo over retired Army officer's column

Criticized in author's opinion piece, Germans seek to avoid confrontation

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — The German military has pulled out of the U.S. Army's annual Land Combat Expo, protesting an opinion piece written by a controversial retired U.S. officer slated to be a guest speaker at next

week's event.

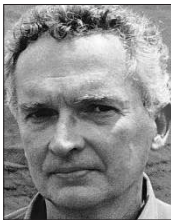
Retired Army Lt. Col. Ralph Peters, a noted author and frequent lecturer in military circles, wrote an opinion piece blasting the Germans in the New York Post on Aug. 19. The column came in the wake of criticism from Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign team of President Bush's plan to

reduce U.S. forces in Europe and Asia.

"Not one presents a reasoned strategic argument for maintaining wasteful garrisons abroad. And not one admits that the Germans only care about losing the jobs we provide," wrote Peters.

"Regarding the Democrats' claim that we'll lose influence in

Europe, the obvious question is, 'What influence?' Peters continued. "We're not stabbing our French and German allies in the back. They stabbed us. And they'll do it again. Our troop posture in Europe doesn't give us influence over the Europeans — it gives the Europeans power over us."



Courtesy Stackpole Books

Author and retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Ralph Peters, who will be a speaker at the Land Combat Expo, said he was disappointed by Germany's decision to pull out.

In response, German army leaders informed U.S. officials on Tuesday that they've decided to pull out of the expo, said Col. Hans Kling, the chief German liaison officer at the Army European headquarters in Heidelberg. Kling said the decision to withdraw from the expo was made by the commander of Germany's land forces, Lt. Gen. Axel Bürgener.

Billed as the Army's premier professional development symposium for troops in Europe, the Land Combat Expo is slated to run Tuesday through Sept. 30. Much of it will center on the Army's achievements through the campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We are displaying for our allies and enemies alike what a great democracy... can achieve in defense of liberty," Gen. B.B. Bell, commander of U.S. Army forces in Europe, wrote to encourage troops to attend the symposium.

Asked what kind of message the Germans' boycotting of the expo sends friends and enemies on democratic ideals such as freedom of speech and freedom of the press, Kling responded, "It is a free decision to attend or not, this is also part of a democracy."

"We do not want any verbal confrontation between any German soldier and this guest speaker," said Kling, adding, "We do not want to provide a platform for the speaker to do this in the presence of German soldiers."

Kling emphasized the decision had nothing to do with tension between the United States and Germany since the invasion of Iraq. The majority of Germans oppose the war there.

Army leaders say they're holding out hope German officials might reconsider.

Regarding Peters' comments, Bell's spokeswoman, Lt. Col. Jane Crichton, said, "The senior leadership of USAREUR looks forward to engaging him at the LCE regarding his stated views. Mr. Peters' comments in no way reflect the position of the U.S. Army Europe."

Peters said any boycott amounts to "defacto censorship." He said the German decision was disappointing but not surprising.

"I think the fact that they're pulling out is the best imaginable indicator of how weak our alliance is, how meaningless Germany's contribution is," said Peters. "If they pull out because they can't stand one 800-word opinion piece in an American newspaper, how could we possibly expect them to stand by us in a violent crisis?"

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Political e-mails get 2 civilians in hot water

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — E-mailers beware. Two federal civilian employees face disciplinary action for e-mails containing political messages, prompting the U.S. Office of Special Counsel to file the claims and issue an advisory.

The employees' actions allegedly amount to electioneering on company time and violate the Hatch Act, said OSC spokeswoman Cathy Deeds.

"We are in a totally new area [with electronic messages]," OSC spokeswoman Cathy Deeds said. "Federal employees still can be very active in politics, just on their own time, and they can't use [work-related] equipment."

The OSC, which governs federal civilian and some state employees, filed the complaints with the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) on Aug. 12.

One claim is against Environmental Protection Agency employee Maureen Taylor-Glaze, who faces discipline for allegedly sending an e-mail message to about 15 co-workers from her office during business hours, according to an OSC press release. The message contained a doctored picture, purportedly to be actress Jane Fonda and presidential candidate John Kerry speak-

Hatch Act do's and don't's

Permitted/prohibited political activities for most federal employees (exceptions at Web site below):

Employees may:

- Be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections (e.g., for school boards and planning commissions).
- Register and vote as they choose.
- Assist in voter registration drives.
- Express opinions about candidates and issues.
- Contribute money to political organizations.
- Attend political fund-raising functions.
- Attend and be active at political rallies and meetings.
- Join and be an active member of a political party or club.
- Sign nominating petitions.
- Campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, municipal ordinances.
- Campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections.

■ Make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections.

■ Distribute campaign literature in partisan elections.

■ Hold office in political clubs or parties.

Employees may not:

- Use official authority or influence to interfere with an election.
- Solicit or discourage political activity of anyone with business before their agency.
- Solicit or receive political contributions (may be done in certain limited situations by federal labor or other employee organizations).
- Be candidates for public office in partisan elections.
- Wear partisan political buttons on duty.
- Engage in political activity while on duty, in a government office, wearing an official uniform or using a government vehicle.

Source: Office of U.S. Special Counsel
at www.osc.gov/ha_fed.htm

ing at an anti-war rally. Underneath were negative statements about Kerry, and the statement, "Please keep this going. We do not need this man as our President."

Because her case is pending, Taylor-Glaze said Tuesday she could not speak about the incident, but would like to share her story once the matter is resolved

"so that no one else ends up like me," said the 66-year-old EPA employee.

Air Force civilian employee Donald Thompson faces discipline for allegedly sending an e-mail message titled "George W" to more than 70 people while working, the release states.

The message contained a document mimicking President

Bush's résumé, and is filled with allegations of incompetence and malfeasance specifically directed toward Bush's defeat in the upcoming election. It also contains the phrases "Please consider me when voting in 2004" and "Please send this to every voter you know."

The penalty for someone who knowingly violates the Hatch Act

ranges from a minimum of 30 days unpaid suspension to termination, said Matthew Shannon, deputy clerk of the MSPB. There is a wide range of possible penalties if a respondent is found not to have willfully violated the act.

U.S. military personnel must follow a different set of rules — DOD directive 1344.10.

In general, servicemembers may register to vote, cast a ballot, express their opinions on candidates and issues (though not as a representative of the armed forces), make contributions to a political organization, and attend partisan and nonpartisan political meetings, rallies or conventions as long as they are not in uniform. Servicemembers cannot use official authority or influence to interfere with an election, affect the course or outcome of an election, solicit votes for a particular candidate or issue, or require or solicit political contributions from others.

And generally, a servicemember cannot be a candidate for, hold, or exercise the functions of civil office, but there are some exceptions listed in the directive.

The Hatch Act prohibits federal executive branch employees from engaging in political activity while working and from doing so in a federal building or with federal equipment.

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Army names top soldier, NCO

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Staff Sgt. Andrew J. Bullock and Spc. Wilfredo A. Mendez were named the Army's noncommissioned officer and soldier of the year, respectively, during a ceremony last week at Fort Myer, Va.

Bullock, a San Diego native and Ranger instructor with the 5th Ranger Training Battalion, Fort Benning, Ga., represented Training and Doctrine Command in the competition.

Mendez, from Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, is a signals intelligence analyst with Company A, 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Camp Humphreys, South Korea, part of the 8th U.S. Army.

The two were selected after a weeklong competition with candidates from 10 major Army commands. The competition put the soldiers through the Army Physical Fitness Test, a six-mile road march, day and night land naviga-

tion courses, weapons qualification, other tests of battle skills and a written exam and essay.

The final step was an appearance before a board of senior soldiers who appraised not only the competing soldiers' answers to questions but also their military bearing, speaking ability, military knowledge and military record.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston presided over the board. In announcing the winners, he urged all the competitors to "take what you've learned in the past week... and apply it to your daily life," according to an Army news release.

The winners will now travel with Preston to Army bases around the world.

"I'm looking forward to going with the sergeant major of the Army overseas and visiting troops," Bullock said in the news release. "They deserve more accolades, by far more, than I did here. They're putting their lives on the line."



REBEA CRITSER/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

From left, Lt. Gen. James J. Lovelace, director of Army staff; Staff Sgt. Andrew J. Bullock, representing Training and Doctrine Command; Spc. Wilfredo A. Mendez, 8th Army; and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston at the 2004 Department of the Army Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year competition ceremony in Fort Myer, Va., on Friday. Bullock and Mendez received their titles after a weeklong testing period.

New funds for private military housing program unlikely for '05

BY JIM ABRAMS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate overwhelmingly passed a military construction spending bill Monday that put aside for another day the politically sensitive problem of how to sustain a program to improve military family housing during wartime.

The \$10 billion bill for the 2005 budget year, approved 91-0, contains no new money for a Pentagon program that provides for private industry construction of military family housing.

Outside that program, the bill includes \$4.1 billion for family housing construction

and maintenance, up \$344 million from the 2004 level.

In a 212-211 procedural vote last July, the House effectively removed a \$500 million expansion of the private housing program from its version of the military construction bill.

It was a tough vote for House Republicans, who opted to show their dedication to spending restraint. Democrats said it was cynical to rein in spending at the expense of troops during wartime.

The housing program, begun eight years ago, has a spending cap of \$850 million, and that ceiling is expected to be reached in November this year. That could delay

new housing for 50,000 military families over the next two years, supporters say.

The White House has asked Congress to raise the cap to \$1.85 billion, or get rid of it altogether, saying the program is essential to meeting the Pentagon goal of eliminating inadequate housing by 2007.

The Pentagon says about 60 percent of its 273,000 government-owned housing units need renovations, at a cost of \$16 billion. Under the new program, developers are given 50-year leases on base housing they renovate or build, and military personnel are given allowances to cover rent.

While unlikely to make it into the final military construction bill, the housing pro-

gram still has life in a \$422 billion bill to authorize defense programs in the fiscal year beginning next month.

The House version of that legislation contains a provision to lift the spending cap. Negotiations with the Senate on that bill are under way.

The military construction bill also includes \$84 million for Reserve and National Guard construction, up \$84 million from this year.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee that oversees the bill, said the Guard and Reserve, key elements of U.S. forces in Iraq, had been shortchanged in past military construction bills.

'Don't ask, don't tell' in the combat zone

Survey asks 30 homosexuals about rule's impact on their service

BY DIANE SCARPONI
The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Brian Hughes served four years with an Army Ranger unit, including assignments in Afghanistan and Iraq, while keeping his homosexuality — a potentially career-ending sexual orientation — secret.

Hughes, 26, left the Army last month in part because of his frustration with the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which allows homosexuals to serve so long as they do not disclose their sexual orientation and do not engage in homosexual acts.

Now enrolled at Yale University, Hughes said the policy forced him to lie to other members of his unit, who frequently bragged about their sexual exploits. Hughes said he found himself substituting "she" for "he" in stories so he could join in conversations.

"It hurt. I was lying to those people," he said. "I eventually withdrew and became quite anti-social because I didn't want to deal with it anymore."

Hughes is one of 30 homosexual servicemembers profiled in an unscientific survey released earlier this month about the impact of "don't ask, don't tell" on gay soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Hughes and study author Nathaniel Frank traveled this week to Washington,

D.C., to meet with congressional staffers to encourage an end to the 11-year-old policy.

The survey, conducted through the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California in Santa Barbara, does not question heterosexual servicemembers about serving alongside gay and lesbian soldiers. It does, however, provide a snapshot of what it's like to be gay and serving in a combat zone.

Some servicemembers who were part of the survey said in interviews that they came out to their colleagues about their sexual orientation despite the policy. Some were discharged when their homosexuality became known; others continued to serve.

Derek Sparks, who now works in information technology in Seattle, was discharged in 2002 after the Navy learned he was gay.

Some gay friends on his ship were investigated, and he acknowledged his homosexuality to his commanding officer during the probe.

"All the policy meant to me at the time was that I still had to hide," said Sparks, who enlisted in 1987. "I think they should get rid of it. I think it's ineffective. All it does it put more stress on people."

Sparks and many of the servicemembers interviewed in the survey said most

of their younger colleagues accepted their homosexuality, but older military leaders did not.

Wendy Biehl, 28, who served eight years in the Army in Kuwait, Kosovo, Bosnia and Germany, came out to a few friends she trusted, but kept her homosexuality a secret from commanders.

Some colleagues suspected she was a lesbian, and they tried to find out for sure by skirting the "don't ask" policy. They would ask whether she ever went to a local lesbian bar or would drive around to see if her truck was parked near the bar.

"Some gay friends would claim they were my boyfriend. That kind of helped out a little bit. It helped keep certain people off my back," Biehl said.

Biehl now sells metal detectors in Florida. She said the "don't ask, don't tell" policy was a big reason why she chose not to re-enlist.

The Department of Defense has heard of no such criticisms and believes the "don't ask, don't tell" policy works as intended, said Army Lt. Col. Joe Richard, a spokesman.

The survey, he said, is based on anecdotal information from individuals and does not look at the effect on the military as a whole, which has determined that homosexuality is not compatible with good order and discipline.

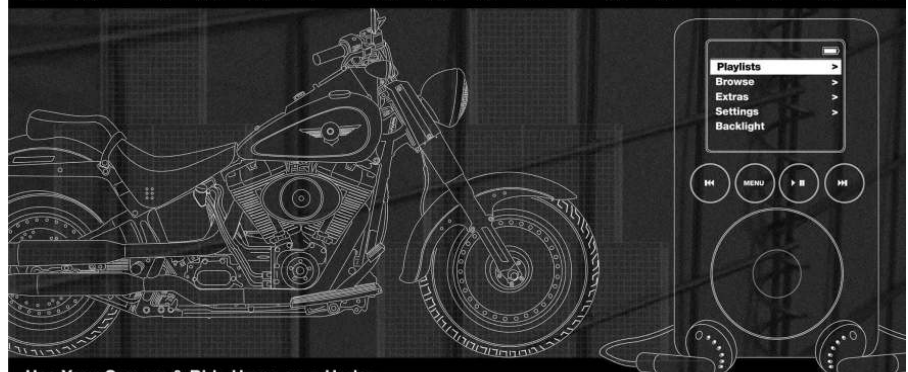
"It is a policy that is generally in the best interests of the military services. You have to go beyond the individual," he said.



Yale University student Brian Hughes, on campus last week in New Haven, Conn., served four years in a U.S. Army Ranger unit with assignments in Afghanistan and Iraq. Hughes is one of 30 homosexual servicemembers in a survey about the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

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2-man panel to look into CBS memos

Ex-attorney general, ex-AP chief to address Bush documents flap

BY DAVID BAUDER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — CBS News appointed former U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh and former Associated Press chief executive Louis Boccardi to investigate what went wrong with its story on President Bush's service in the National Guard.

Thornburgh is a former two-term governor of Pennsylvania and served as attorney general in the administrations of Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush.

Boccardi retired last year as president and chief executive officer for The Associated Press. He served on the panel that probed operations at The New York Times following the Jayson Blair scandal.

CBS News admitted on Monday that it could not authenticate documents it had used in a "60 Minutes" story that questioned Bush's service in the Guard during the Vietnam War era. Many critics consider the documents fake.

The network and its chief anchor, Dan Rather, have apologized for airing the story. The two-person panel will begin immediately, with no deadline for their investigation, CBS News spokeswoman Sandra Genetius said.

"CBS News has a long tradition of responsible journalism," said CBS co-president Leslie Moonves. "In this case, it's clear that something went seriously wrong with the process. There is no question that the independent review we announced... is both necessary and important, and I look forward to its thoughts and recommendations."

CBS promised the pair would have full access to everyone at the network and their report would be made public.

Gore campaign dismissed allegations

BY MATT KELLEY

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Al Gore's presidential campaign heard but did not pursue allegations about George W. Bush's Air National Guard service, similar to the information in discredited documents aired by CBS News this week, a former campaign official said Tuesday.

Tony Coelho, who ran the campaign for several months in 2000, said he did not follow up on the claims because they were not serious enough to demand further attention. "Of everyone I talked to, no one had anything that rose to the level that we should get ourselves into," Coelho said.

White House officials and other Republicans suggested that Democrat John Kerry's presidential campaign was behind the CBS report. Kerry campaign officials denied that.

The CBS report cited documents purported to be from one of Bush's commanders in the Texas Air National Guard. The documents say the commander, Lt. Col. Jerry Killian, ordered Bush to take a medical exam, which he did not, and felt pressured to sign a statement of endorsement of the 1st Lt. Bush.

A report in Wednesday's editions of the *Herold-Zeitung* in New Braunfels, Texas, cited a retired Texas Air National Guard commander whose unit included Bush as saying politics did not influence his dealings with the future president during the Vietnam War.

Retired Col. Walter B. Staudt said that no strings were pulled in the 1970s to get Bush into the Guard.

"The subject started when his daddy ran for vice president and it's been going on ever since," said Staudt, 81, of New Braunfels. "I

Kerry adviser Joe Lockhart said he spoke with Bill Burkett, who gave CBS the documents, after a network producer suggested it.

Lockhart and Burkett said they only discussed how Kerry could respond to a group of Republican veterans who accuse Kerry of exaggerating his Vietnam War record.

Coelho said he remembered taking phone calls in 2000 from several Texans with allegations about Bush's Guard service. He said he did not remember if any were from Burkett, a former Texas Army National Guard officer and longtime Bush critic.

"I never felt there was anything substantive for us to try to deal with or not, so we never pursued it," Coelho said. "We never had any documents given to us. That would have been something different. We would have had to check it out."

don't have much to tell. It's simple to me. There was no political influence. That's the truth."

The CBS report said the memo complained that Staudt, as commander of the Texas Air National Guard, sought to "sugar coat" Bush's record after he was suspended from flying.

However, The Dallas Morning News reported earlier that Staudt retired on March 1, 1972, 1½ years before the purported memo by Killian, which was dated Aug. 18, 1973.

Staudt said that he has avoided reporters, despite up to 40 telephone calls to his Central Texas home last Monday as media attention over the CBS story heated up.

He said he had no idea why the memo's author had decided to use his name. He claimed never to meet the former Texas National Guard officer who was a source for the document and would not now watch CBS News.

Adult filmmaker dies

LOS ANGELES — Russ Meyer, producer-director who died from the "skin flick" with such films as "Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!" and later gained a measure of critical respect, has died. He was 82.

Meyer died Saturday at his home in the Hollywood Hills, according to his daughter, RM Films International Inc. Spokeswoman Janice Cowart said Meyer had suffered from dementia and died of complications of pneumonia.

Meyer's films were considered pornographic in their time but are less shocking by today's standards and focus on the focus on violence and large-busted women but little graphic sex.

Cat Stevens detained

WASHINGTON — Yusuf Islam — formerly known as Singer Cat Stevens — was detained while trying to enter the United States aboard an international flight and was released to return to London, officials said.

United Airlines Flight 919 was en route from London to Dulles International Airport outside Washington, D.C., when it was ordered to divert to Maine's Bangor International Airport at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Islam was detained and questioned by federal agents after the plane landed. He was later transferred from Bangor to Portland by federal agents, who said he would be returned on the next flight, West-HV in Portland reported.

The unscheduled landing came after there was a match between a passenger on the flight and a man named Yusuf Islam, a pseudonym, a spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration.

Interest rates boosted

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve policy-makers boosted interest rates for a third time this year, and economists believe there probably will be another increase before the year is over depending on how the economic expansion unfolds.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues pushed up the target for the federal funds rate to 1.75 percent on Tuesday, the third quarter-point upward jump since June. The funds rate is what the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans and is the Fed's primary tool for influencing economic activity.

With the economic expansion moving forward and inflation largely under control despite surging energy prices, the Fed said it can stick with its approach of raising rates gradually.

Tobacco trial

WASHINGTON — A lawyer for the tobacco industry on Wednesday rejected the government's claim that cigarette companies conspired for decades to mislead the public about the dangers of smoking and should forfeit \$280 billion generated by the alleged fraud.

To win the case, the government must prove the scheme existed and is likely to continue. Industry lawyer Ted Lowery acknowledged that tobacco company executives made mistakes in the past in how they addressed health concerns but said, "We do not conclude that there ever was an industry-wide conspiracy. From The Associated Press



A train passes snow-covered aspen trees Tuesday on its route from Georgetown, Colo., to Silverton, near Silver Plume. More than 16 inches of snow fell on parts of the state Tuesday, the last day of summer.

Late-summer snowstorm blankets parts of Colorado

The Associated Press

DENVER — A storm gave Colorado a taste of winter on the last day of summer Tuesday, dumping 16.5 inches of snow in some parts of the high country.

The heavy, wet snow, falling before many mountain aspen trees began changing to yellow for fall, caught some off guard but was a welcome reminder of the upcoming ski season for those.

The National Weather Service reported 16.5 inches of snow fell northeast of Steamboat Springs, while 1 foot was reported on nearby Rabbit Ears Pass.

Carol Forney of Steamboat

Springs knew the snow was coming but waited until Tuesday morning before work to rush out to pick the tomatoes in her garden.

"People were saying, 'Boy, is this early. I wasn't ready for this,'" said Forney.

Ski resorts were hoping the weather would be good for business.

"It's fantastic for the ski industry to get snow early when people are purchasing passes and starting to think about their winter vacations," said Emily Jacob, spokeswoman for Breckenridge.

September snowfall in the state is unusual but not unheard of, the weather service said.

FCC hits CBS with huge fine for Jackson exposure

BY JENNIFER C. KERR

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators on Wednesday fined CBS a record \$550,000 for Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction," which exposed the singer's breast during this year's Super Bowl halftime show.

The Federal Communications Commission voted unanimously to slap each of the 20 CBS-owned

television stations with the maximum indecency penalty of \$27,500. The total penalty of \$550,000 is the largest fine levied against a television broadcaster. Most of the FCC's bigger fines have been against radio stations.

"As countless families gathered around the television to watch one of our nation's most celebrated events, they were rudely greeted with a halftime show stunt more fitting of a burlesque

show," said FCC Chairman Michael Powell. "The show, clearly intended to push the limits of private television."

The commission decided not to fine CBS' more than 200 affiliate stations, which also aired the show but are not owned by the network's parent company, Viacom.

The two Democrats on the 5-member commission said the fine should have been higher. Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein said

the fine amounted to a "slap on the wrist" and suggested that the agency could have sent a stronger message about indecency by reprimanding CBS' affiliates.

MTV, a Viacom subsidiary, produced the Feb. 1 halftime show, which featured Jackson and singer Justin Timberlake performing a racy duet. At the end, Timberlake pulled away Jackson's black leather top, exposing her right breast to about 90 million viewers.

Bush combines diplomacy, campaigning after speech

Bush discusses foreign policy, terrorism with Asian leaders

BY SCOTT LINDLAU
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Bush, straddling the worlds of diplomacy and re-election politics, met Pakistan's leader Wednesday before hitting the road for Pennsylvania, a state at the top of his campaign wish list.

Sometimes the line between the two worlds blurs, as it did Tuesday when Bush told Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh "how important continuity in U.S. foreign policy is."

The quote was repeated by a senior administration official who attended the meeting and briefed several dozen reporters on condition he not be identified.

Bush met Wednesday with Pakistan's President, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, a crucial ally in the war against terrorism but one with whom there are strains elsewhere in the relationship.

The two men held a long handshake at a photo session before sitting down, but said nothing to reporters.

Musharraf promised Monday to "end the presence of al-Qaida" terrorists in his coun-

try, but said the United States needed to win the confidence of Muslims.

"The Muslim world feels as if it is being targeted," Musharraf said.

Musharraf, a general who seized power in a bloodless coup in 1999 and draws his main political strength from the military, has given mixed signals in the past week as to whether he would fulfill a pledge to relinquish his separate role as army chief by year's end.

The senior administration official said Bush was interested in "the long-term process of building democratic institutions in Pakistan," but declined to say whether Bush would lean on Musharraf to keep his promise.

Bush was mainly interested in Pakistan's peace talks with archrival India and with conferring new praise on Pakistan for helping pursue al-Qaida members, the official said.

Less than six weeks before the U.S. elections, Bush sought to showcase his world-leader credentials at the United Nations' annual gathering, while keeping one eye firmly fixed on the campaign trail.

On Tuesday, Bush also met with the leaders of Iraq, Japan and Afghanistan.

Making his annual address to the world body, Bush defended his decision to invade Iraq and urged the assembled leaders to stand united with that country's struggling government.

The proper response to spreading violence, Bush said, "is not to retreat, it is to prevail."

Bush was spending 41 hours in New York before making his 37th trip as president to Pennsylvania, where he planned seven hours of campaigning. He lost the state in 2000 and has visited it more than any other, most recently on Sept. 9.

Four polls conducted in Pennsylvania this month showed the race between Bush and challenger John Kerry in a statistical dead heat.

Bush was stressing his education and health care agendas in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, a Philadelphia suburb.

Later, the president was surveying flood damage in Allegheny County and receiving a briefing from regional officials on recovery efforts.

On the issues



Has the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada been good, on balance, for the U.S. economy?

President Bush



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Sen. John Kerry



"President Clinton was trying to move us in the right direction on job creation and on including labor and environmental standards in trade agreements. I supported that. I made the right decision. We created jobs and opened markets, but since then we have

learned that we need to go even further on labor and environmental standards. John Edwards and I will fight so [that] strong and enforceable labor and environmental standards are included in the core of future trade agreements, like they were in the Jordan Free Trade Agreement."

AP

PAC indictment

AUSTIN, Texas — A grand jury has handed up 32 indictments for an alleged scheme to make illegal campaign contributions through a political action committee associated with House Republican leader Tom DeLay.

DeLay accused the prosecutor of using the investigation for political purposes.

A Travis County grand jury on

Tuesday indicted three political operatives and eight companies, alleging campaign finance violations related to corporate money spent in the 2002 legislative races. The corporate donations were made to Texans for a Republican Majority, a political action committee created with help from DeLay. DeLay was not questioned or subpoenaed as part of the case.

From The Associated Press

Kerry goes politicking in storm-weary Florida

BY MARY DALRYMPLE
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Sen. John F. Kerry is reassuring voters, in a state rich in retirees, that a Democratic administration would protect the two pillars of retirement benefits, Social Security and Medicare.

The presidential candidate's two-day swing through Florida that started Tuesday comes in the wake of deadly hurricanes that brought polling and politicking to a near halt.

President Bush made his third campaign-season trip to Florida this week to assess damage caused by Hurricane Ivan. Kerry has been to the state that decided the 2000 election nine times this year.

He planned to tell voters Wednesday that the president's proposed changes to Social Security could mean a windfall to financial and investment companies, at the expense of taxpayers.

Bush wants to let younger workers establish individual retirement accounts, an idea that Kerry derides as privatization.

"That's not a plan. It's a rip-off," Kerry said in remarks prepared for a town hall style meeting in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"George Bush's scheme hurts seniors by cutting benefits, and it hurts our economy by increasing the deficit."

"The truth is, the only people who benefit from George Bush's Social Security scheme are the special interests."

Kerry pointed to a study by AUSTON GOOLSBEE, a University of Chicago business professor, who studied a model that proposes workers set aside a small percentage of their pay in private accounts as a method to adjust Social Security to a rapidly graying population.

Goolsbée concluded that fees charged by financial companies could reap them hundreds of billions of dollars and eat 20 percent of the benefits in an account held by a worker making an average salary.

The Bush-Kerry campaign said Kerry hasn't explained how he'd meet the challenges posed to Social Security by aging Baby Boomers.

"His record is one of voting for higher taxes on current retirees and ignoring the needs of future retirees," said spokesman Steve Schmidt.

Kerry wants to bolster the retirement program by reducing the deficit and expanding the economy. Some experts say economic growth is insufficient to cover future benefits because those benefits grow as wages increase.

The Massachusetts senator also wants to improve Medicare by retreating the recently passed prescription drug benefit to let the government negotiate for bulk discounts on drugs.

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Thanks to fellow soldiers

"Groundhog Day." A movie starring Bill Murray who finds himself experiencing the same day over and over again. This is what we call the experience of working the Forward Operating Base perimeter guard towers.
 "Groundhog Day." All the days are the same. One melts into another. As one soldier from the 1st Cav describes his deployment in the August edition of Men's Health magazine: "A single day played over and over on a continuous repeat cycle for a year or so." That is the towers.
 "Groundhog Day." Many times we call in a gunshot, mortar fire or rocket launch. We even get to fire our weapons on occasion. We do our job, but mostly the days and nights are the same. Except yesterday.

On my way to the gym, I met a soldier who died about a hour. He was a National Guard soldier, I think from Oregon. "Those up-armored ones weight about 10,000 pounds," he said. "Do they work?" I asked.

He proceeded to tell me a story—I will not give the details due to operational security—but it boiled down to a Humvee getting hit in which one soldier in a crew of five died during an exercise in Iraq. Considering the details of the story, it was a miracle only one died and a strong case for American steel and engineering.

"Sorry about your buddy," I said honest.

The soldier looked at me in the eye and replied, "He died quick."
 In that instant, he said more than just those three words. This soldier and his buddies look for improvised explosive devices. That's their job. They risk their lives every day. They know this: They have seen their buddies die. "He died quick," was more than a short response. It was a code of conduct, a prayer, a request to God if they own time comes.

They do their job, they risk their lives and have saved many more by finding these devices. And yet they ask for so little. I respect them and I hope to honor them with this letter.

I am a transportation specialist and I am on my convoys next month. Thanks to these soldiers my job will be a lot safer.

Please pray that no more die, either quick or slow.

Spec. Lawrence Thomas
 Taj, Iraq

Halliburton and profits

In the letter "A Candidate" for comparison (Aug. 16) Halliburton was referred to as one of the few corporations "brave and capable enough" to go into a dangerous place like Iraq and do the necessary work. I feel compelled to respond.

Revenues of Halliburton's KBR subsidiary for the second quarter of this year are 68 percent higher than the same quarter of last year, thanks to contracts in the Middle East. According to Halliburton's most recent quarterly results, KBR recorded \$78 million in operating income (defined as profit before deduction of interest and

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taxes) in the second half of 2003, and \$32 million in the first quarter of 2004. Despite Halliburton's touted bravery and capability, it was unable to account to Pentagon auditors for 43 percent of the \$4.18 billion that KBR has charged for feeding and housing U.S. troops in Iraq and Kuwait, to say nothing of the \$61 million KBR was found by auditors to be overcharging the Pentagon for oil deliveries and the additional \$67 million they may have overcharged in the future.

Having said the above, anyone brave and patriotic enough to venture into Iraq and support our efforts to establish democracy there has my admiration and utmost respect. Forty-two KBR workers have died in Iraq and Kuwait since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I am grateful for their sacrifice.

However, corporate executives and institutional investors raking in vast profits from Americans dying in faraway lands should not be held up as objects of esteem. Many, like former Halliburton CEO Dick Cheney, managed to find priorities other than military service to occupy them during times of war. I am very disturbed by the methods Halliburton used to acquire its lucrative contracts in Iraq and I am angered by the disorganized and unprofessional manner in which some of them have been fulfilled.

Samuel Adams
 Stuttgart, Germany

Benedict Arnold and Kerry

Sen. John Kerry earlier this year labeled businesses outsourcing jobs as "Benedict Arnold companies." This is curious, because if anyone is a Benedict Arnold, it is Kerry.

Consider the similarities. Both were riverboat commanders. Kerry commanded a Swift boat in Vietnam. Arnold commanded the Congress, flagship of America's first fleet, a ragtag collection of 16 green-timbered galleys and gondolas with undermanned crews open deck. While hopelessly outgunned by a British fleet of 24 warships, Arnold led a furious daylong battle on Oct. 11, 1776, halting the British advance.

Both were heroes. Kerry received down and shot dead a teenage boy fleeing with a rocket-propelled grenade under his arm and a bullet in the leg. He was also charged through British bullets to rally American forces in the Battle at Saratoga. He then led the counterattack, smashing the British and winning a victory pivotal to America's final triumph in the Revolutionary War.

Both were wounded. Kerry received three Purple Hearts for three wounds that left him unfit for duty for a total of 48 hours. Arnold's horse was shot out from underneath him as he led the charge into the center of the British line at Saratoga. His leg was crushed, leaving him a cripple.

Both left the fighting to others. After three Purple Hearts, Kerry applied for a transfer to the United States after seeing 4 1/2 months of combat. Arnold, a cripple incapable of leading troops in the field, was placed in command of Philadelphia.

Both aided wartime enemies of the United States. Kerry became a media celebrity, testifying before Congress, proclaiming to the world that U.S. forces had committed atrocities against the Vietnamese people and calling for the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops. Arnold agreed to sell West Point to the British.

For all their similarities, there is a striking difference. There was nothing halfway about Benedict Arnold. He was America's greatest hero, who became America's greatest villain. It is almost refreshing to recall his bold spirit. When he went, he went the whole way. This especially true in the light of war heroes like Kerry, who swings both ways. He patriotically betrayed his nation. He apparently threw away medals that he won. He opposed the war he was supported, and braved a walk-gun he would have banded.

Michael J. Lesinski
 Hettenshausen, Germany

Proud of Olympians

Members of our Olympic team were fantastic in Athens—outstanding in their accomplishments, respectful and proud in victory and in defeat. We as a nation should reach out to them and thank them for their unity, outstanding efforts and commitment to excellence. They showed what makes our country so special, a place where men and women of every race, religion and belief have the opportunity to rise to the top of the world.

To hear "The Star-Spangled Banner" played so many times to honor their accomplishments and our country was something each American should be proud of and thankful for.

To our men's basketball team, I don't care that you didn't win the gold medal, you represented your country when others decided not to. In my eyes you are heroes. To every other member of our U.S. Olympic team, regardless of whether you came in first, second, third or last, I want to pass on sincere congratulations and thanks for doing your best and for honorably representing us.

Daniel LaChance
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Three debates about Iraq, before they meet

BY SEBASTIAN MALLABY

The Washington Post

There are three campaign debates we could be having about Iraq. The one that's best for President Bush is getting the most attention. The one that's worst for him is getting the least. This is why he's ahead of Sen. John Kerry.

The debate that gets the most attention is: What would Kerry have done 18 months ago had he been president? Kerry refuses, despite one opportunity after another, to come clean on this question. He tries to say that he voted to authorize the war because he believed Saddam Hussein had dangerous weapons and that he voted against the funding because Bush was handling the war badly. But when he is asked what he would have done had he been in the White House, he fudges the issue.

The candidate doesn't answer hypothetical questions, his aides explain, infuriatingly.

This first debate suggests Kerry is unable to decide what he believes in. It fuels the suspicion that he is not to be trusted in dangerous times, which is why Bush parades his convincing claims.

"Knowing what I know today, I would have made the same decision," Bush reiterated Friday, in a speech that acknowledged he'd seen the evidence in Saddam had weapons of mass destruction. But the truth is that this first Iraq debate is the least important of the

three. It is irrelevant to Iraq's future.

The second debate about Iraq is: Who enunciates the best strategy for the United States, now that we are in Iraq and the news is horrible, but Bush wins this argument, too, and here's the paradoxical reason: The worse the Iraq mess becomes, the more the nation must decide whether it's 100 percent committed to victory or 100 percent resolved to cut losses and get out of there. The middle ground is not defensible.

To see why this is so, consider the dilemma of Fallujah. This Sunni city has been taken over by fundamentalist America-haters, and it seems likely that much of the violence in Baghdad is being instigated by Fallujah-based terrorists. The plan to hold January elections is likely to fail unless the Fallujah terrorists are rooted out. At best, voting will be difficult in the Sunni part of the country. At worst, the terrorists will gun down voters as they line up outside polling stations across the country. Already they murder Iraqis who are brave enough to volunteer for the new security forces. You cannot expect nation-building to succeed when those joining the effort are liable to be assassinated.

Therefore, America's president must choose. Either he must accept the fact that nation-building is failing, in which case it is immoral to send more Americans to die. Or he must resolve to make it work, which means going into Fallujah

with ground forces and risking yet more casualties.

Bush sounds as though he understands the all-or-nothing nature of the challenge. He proclaims that he will make democracy happen, and that terrorists won't stop him. Kerry, on the other hand, seems fuzziest. He would not abandon Iraq, but he promises to bring soldiers home. He would not give up, but he emphasizes that the situation sure is difficult.

The result is that Bush wins the second Iraq match-up. He sounds clear; Kerry sounds ambivalent.

But there is a third debate that could be had about Iraq, and it might benefit Kerry. It would discuss what the candidates say and focus on their real policies. For both Bush and Kerry, the real policy is more cautious than the rhetoric. Bush proclaims his commitment to victory, but his real policy is frequently less bold. Kerry projects ambivalence, but his real policy probably would be to scale back American involvement sharply. When it comes to actions rather than rhetoric, in other words, it is possible that Bush is in the untenable middle while Kerry stands for a clear choice — whether or not it is the right one.

Consider, again, Bush's stance toward Fallujah. Bush ordered the Marines into the town in April but lost his nerve after three days, allowing the terrorists to entrench themselves. Now he attacks Fallujah from the air but refuses for the moment to put boots on the ground



— a reprisal of the Clinton administration's approach to al-Qaida's bases in Afghanistan. In short, Bush is not giving up on nation-building, but he is not going into Fallujah, either. He is stuck in the untenable middle.

If Kerry were a better candidate, he could make Bush pay for this.

Instead he pounds Bush for failing to acknowledge the strength of the insurgency — but does not say what ought to be done about it. He refuses to be explicit about what

may well be his real post-election instinct: to abandon the nation-building effort. Either he fears that the voters would punish him for giving up. Or he simply can't decide what his real view is.

All this may be about to change. Bush may resolve to attack Fallujah with ground troops, and Kerry's fluid cast of advisers may push him to a new position. Still, however, the first two Iraq debates have dominated the campaign. And so, despite all the terrible Iraq news, Bush is still winning.

Today, mud flies and political books fly off shelves

BY PETER OSNOS

Attack advertising in politics is hardly innovative. But in this year's election, attack books have added a significant new factor to the shrillness of presidential campaigning. Get used to it.

For weeks, "Unfit for Command" by John E. O'Brien and Jerome R. Corsi has been at the top of best-seller lists, with about half a million copies now in print. The book, an unrelenting assault on John Kerry's Vietnam War record, was published by Regnery, a company once headquartered in Washington, and it bumped the memoirs of Bill Clinton and Gen. Tommy Franks from the top spots.

But "Unfit for Command" is only one of many such books, from left to right, that portray the president and his challenger in scathing terms as liars, hypocrites and, if not corrupt, at least corruptible.

Depending on where you draw the line, there are about a dozen of them on The New York Times' best-seller list. In recent months, authors of such partisan best-sellers have included Bill O'Reilly, Ann Coulter, Michael Moore, Al Franken and others.

A typical political book on a national best-seller list will sell about 100,000 copies. Some do much better — more than that, Moore's books have sold in the millions.

Though there have been periods before when political books were in vogue — the protest era of the 1960s, for example, or during the Watergate scandals of the 1970s — this spate is distinctive because the books are so personally insulting. Once a phenomenon like this takes hold in publishing, the process is irreversible.

Book publishers have traditionally been

portrayed as more genteel than, say, movie producers or newspaper proprietors. But if that was ever true, it is certainly not the case now. Publishing today is dominated by conglomerates — all of which ... are determined to find big sellers at nearly any cost.

So when Moore and O'Reilly sell millions of copies, when Kitty Kelley (author of "The Family: The Real Story of the Bush Dynasty") gets a multimillion-dollar advance equaling a movie star's, and when "Unfit for Command" soars, the only logical response is to up the ante further with even more explosive books, especially when they are protected from restraint or regulation — within the bounds of libel laws — by the First Amendment.

The main revenue for book publishers comes from sales. ... Publishers have no

choice but to go where the buyers are. And the buyers are clearly relishing the evocation of our political leaders.

Are these books any good? As in all media, there is a spectrum from brilliant to awful. But standards for books are different from, say, newspaper standards. The biggest sin for a book writer is plagiarism (when it is uncovered). Rarely does a book get discredited for mere exaggeration or distortion. Outright falsehoods are frowned upon, of course. But short of that, anything seems to go in books.

Historians will surely say that attack books in some form have always been around in politics. But their modern history can be tied to President Clinton, our first president with a tabloid profile while in office. ...

The [anti-Clinton] outpouring legitimized all-out vilification of the person in the Oval Office. Millions were made and spent on the examination of Clinton's deprecations. President Bush came under similar scrutiny.

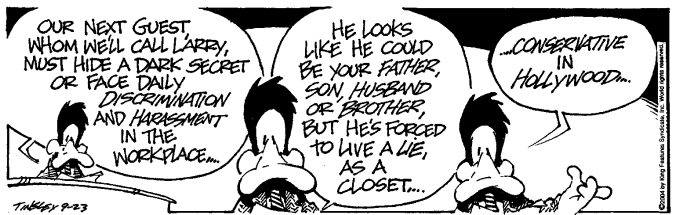
Attacks have now spread to the opposition candidate, although his personal life has so far been spared. (There is, however, the intriguing matter of Kerry's sealed divorce papers.) How much of an effect will these books have on voters? It's hard to say. But they are certainly an important part of the overall portrait of the candidates. ...

As Election Day approaches, voters must accept, for better or worse, the consequences for the country of all this abuse. That is, after all, the American Way.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



IN THE WORLD

Syrian camps down

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Syrian soldiers dismantled their camps in the hills above Beirut on Wednesday amid Lebanese and foreign criticism that their pullback will not diminish Syria's political dominance of Lebanon.

Troops were seen taking down telephone lines and packing equipment at bases.

About 3,000 Syrian troops were to redeploy from around Beirut to eastern Lebanon, probably to the Bekaa Valley near the Syrian border, where most of the Syria's 20,000 troops in Lebanon are located.

But critics were doubtful about Syria's sincerity.

Lebanon terror arrests

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanon said Wednesday it had arrested the top al-Qaida operative in the country and another man linked to Osama bin Laden's terrorist group who were plotting to blow up U.S. embassies in Beirut and assassinate Western diplomats and recruit insurgents to fight U.S.-led forces in Iraq.

Lebanese security officials said the two Lebanese men arrested Friday along with eight accomplices were also planning to attack Lebanese security and judicial targets.

Interior Minister Elias Murr, speaking at a news conference, identified the leaders of the plot as Ahmed Salim Mikati and Ismail Mohammed al-Khatib, both Lebanese, and said they had arrested eight Lebanese and Palestinian accomplices.

Prosecutor-General Adnan Adnani said al-Khatib was "the head of al-Qaida organization in Lebanon."

Rioting in Russia

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia — Hundreds of protesters demanding a local leader step down clashed with riot police Wednesday in an impoverished region of southern Russia, authorities said.

Riot police beat protesters with truncheons and riot shields and dragged people away in scuffles that injured as many as 15 people in the remote Kalmikia region. Police arrested more than 85 people, authorities said.

More than 2,000 protesters marched into the central square of the region's capital, Elista, demanding that President Kirsan Il'yumshin step down. The protesters were angered by high unemployment and accuse the president of violating human rights and stifling dissent.

Europe: Don't drive

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Hundreds of cities and towns in Europe restricted cars Wednesday as officials urged commuters to take public transportation, bicycles or walk instead.

More than 1,500 cities, chiefly in Europe, but also in Japan and South America, took part in the seventh annual car-free day by setting up road blocks to prevent nonessential motorized traffic from entering urban centers.

Elsewhere in Europe, commuters made do pedaling bicycles or just using their own feet.

In most Italian cities, including Rome, traffic was cut off for one day, and residents remained unaware of the environmental campaign.

From The Associated Press

Aleged bomber recruiter detained

BY JUDITH INGRAM
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A woman who was detained in Chechnya on suspicion of recruiting suicide bombers also facilitated contacts among different rebel groups and collected funds abroad for the rebels, a high-ranking Russian security official said Wednesday.

Russian television showed security agents questioning the suspect, 31-year-old Natalia Khalkayeva, and bringing her to a lockup in the Chechen capital, Grozny.

An explosives-filled belt and a satellite phone were confiscated from her, said Maj.-Gen. Ilya Shabalkin, the spokesman for the Federal Security Service in Chechnya.

Shabalkin said Khalkayeva was a liaison for a rebel leader, Yunadi Turchayev, the Interfax news agency reported. He said Khalkayeva used the satellite phone, which had been bought in an Arab country, to maintain contact with fighters in the United Arab Emirates, Germany, the Czech Republic, Poland, Turkey, Austria and other countries.

Khalkayeva frequently traveled outside Chechnya over the past few months in order



Aleged recruiter of suicide bombers Natalia Khalkayeva is seen in this Russian Federal Security Service image taken from Russian television as she is questioned Wednesday by security agents in Grozny, Chechnya.

to receive foreign funds used for terror attacks and recruitment, including of female suicide bombers, Interfax quoted Shabalkin as saying.



People fight for water as it's distributed Tuesday in front of the mayor's building in Gonaives, Haiti. The city, Haiti's third-largest, has been devastated after floods from Tropical Storm Jeanne swept through town, killing more than 700 people and leaving many others homeless.

Food delivered to city devastated by Jeanne

The Associated Press

GONAIVES, Haiti — Bodies remained in the streets and in growing piles outside morgues as U.N. peacekeepers planned the first major distribution of food and water Wednesday in this city devastated by floods that have torn apart families and left hungry crowds that have mobbed truckloads of aid.

The death toll from deluges unleashed by Tropical Storm Jeanne climbed to the more than 700, Haitian officials said Tuesday, with more than 600 of them in Gonaives alone. More than 1,000 others were declared missing.

Jeanne, meanwhile, regained hurricane strength over the open Atlantic this week and could head back toward the United States and Florida, as early as this week-end, forecasters said Wednesday.

It was too soon to tell where or if Jeanne would hit.

Carcasses of pigs, goats and

dogs still floated in muddy waters slowly receding from the streets in Gonaives, Haiti's third-largest city with some 250,000 people. Not a house escaped damage.

Dieudonne Desloges, spokesman for Haiti's civil protection agency, said he expected the death toll to rise as reports come in from outlying villages and rescuers dig through mudslides and rubble.

Desloges said rescue workers reported recovering 691 bodies — about 600 of them in Gonaives and more than 40 in northern Port-de-Paix. Noel Madro Morilus, director of Terre Neuve agriculture department, said 17 people died in that farming center north of Gonaives.

Some 1,056 people were missing, almost all from Gonaives, Desloges said.

Desloges said some 250,000 people were homeless across the country, and the storm destroyed at least 4,000 homes and damaged unknown thousands more.

Spotlight stays on Iraq as U.N. opens session

BY EDITH M. LEDERER
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — After two years, the United States and the United Nations had hoped to take the spotlight off the bitterly divisive war in Iraq. It didn't happen. At the opening of the U.N. General Assembly, President Bush and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan sparred over the war that can't escape the headlines.

Annan made news last week when, for the first time, he said the U.S.-led war that toppled Saddam Hussein was "illegal." Bush defended his Iraq policy Tuesday

cloning. He also appealed for greater efforts to fight terrorism, to end the bloody violence in Sudan, to combat AIDS in Africa, and "to promote hope and progress as the alternatives to hatred and violence."

"Our great purpose is to build a better world beyond the war on terror," Bush said.

Despite the past differences with the United Nations, not just on Iraq but over the perception of U.S. unilateralism, the president paid tribute to the world body and its chief in a toast at a luncheon Tuesday hosted by Annan for world leaders.

"Mr. Secretary-General," Bush said, raising his glass, "with admiration for your leadership, and with confidence in this organization, I offer a toast to you and your staff, to your service, and to the United Nations."

The tribute pleased several diplomats, who saw it as recognition that the Bush administration has recognized that it needs the United Nations, and can't operate as a lone superpower.

"When all is said and done," said Swiss President Joseph Deiss, "the Iraq crisis has shown us that the international community needs the United Nations, and that the international system for maintaining international peace and security, but that the structures currently in place are no longer appropriate."

"There is now a clear need for reform and for strengthening the means of joint action."

U.N. reform was a topic in many speeches on Tuesday's opening of the two-week ministerial debate. So was the need to close the widening gap between rich and poor.

"There is now a clear need for reform ..."

Joseph Deiss
president of Switzerland

Philippine terror camps concern U.S., Australia

By JIM GOMEZ
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Muslim guerrillas in the southern Philippines have hosted terror training camps for militant groups from Indonesia and Malaysia for at least seven years, according to a secret government report.

The training continued at least until early this year, with 19 new members of Jemaah Islamiyah, the al-Qaida-linked Southeast Asian terror group — finishing in January, said a copy of a government security assessment report seen Wednesday by The Associated Press.

U.S. and Australian officials have expressed deep concerns over persistent reports of such camps in the volatile southern Philippines, saying Jemaah Islamiyah could pass deadly skills to a new generation of militants capable of striking anywhere.

A number of suspected JI militants arrested in Southeast Asia have said they trained in the southern Philippines.

The covert training was reportedly hosted mostly by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, a large Muslim group that's been waging a bloody separatist insurrection and has rural strongholds across the impoverished south.

The MILF has repeatedly denied any links with Jemaah Islamiyah or other foreign terror groups, and — in an apparent effort to bolster its on-and-off peace talks with the government — has pledged to help track down terrorists.

MILF spokesman Eid Kabulu invited government officials to visit suspected training sites. "They will find nothing," he said.

The report said Jemaah Islamiyah's founder, the late Abdullah Sungkar, and MILF chairman Salamat Hashim, who died last year, agreed in 1995 to set up a training base inside the MILF's sprawling Camp Abubakar stronghold in Maguindanao province.

Terror training started in 1997-98, the report said.

The Jemaah Islamiyah training base was set up near three other camps used separately to train new militants from neighboring Indonesia, it said.

After Camp Abubakar fell during a July 2000 military offensive, Jemaah Islamiyah instructors and trainees fled and set up a new camp, Muskar Jabal Ombu, on densely forested Mount Carara on the boundary of Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur provinces, the report said.

The MILF has let other militant groups from Indonesia and Malaysia train in their strongholds in the past, the report said.

It also said al-Qaida members have been at MILF camps, but didn't say when.

The Philippine military has acknowledged that up to two dozen Jemaah Islamiyah members may still be in the south, but claims they're on the run and no longer training.

But other military officials said on condition of anonymity that training continues.

Germans make big marijuana bust

HAMBURG, Germany — German authorities said Wednesday they had confiscated 2.2 tons of marijuana in a shipping container from Jamaica bound for Dusseldorf, the biggest such bust in Germany in three years.

The marijuana — with a street value of some million dollars — was found hidden beneath the floor of a shipping container at Hamburg's harbor in August, the customs office said.

Police arrested a 30-year-old Dutch man whose Dusseldorf home is where the marijuana was addressed to, and the man's father.

Police mistake actors for robbers

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — A group of Serbian actors filming a bank robbery scene played their parts so well that police mistook them for the real thing and hauled them off to a police station, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

The crew was filming the robbery scene Tuesday on a street in Novi Sad, as part of a project to be shown in a multimedia performance at the nearby Serbian National Theater.

"We had just put black stockings on our heads and were carrying plastic handguns needed for the scene, when about 30 policemen surrounded us with pistols pointed at us," actor Aleksandar Gajin told the Vечernje Novosti newspaper.

Police released the crew shortly thereafter.

Small towns produce big winners

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Who wants to be a millionaire? Travel to Graested, a small sleepy town north of Copenhagen, and you might improve your chances. Or if in Britain and seeking to better your odds, head to Kilmarock in southern Scotland.

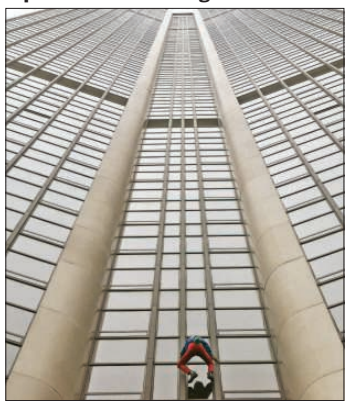
Graested saw its fifth resident in three years win a seven-figure Lotto pot on Saturday, said Morten Lauritsen, of the state-owned lottery organizer Dansk Tipstjeneste Group.

In Britain, six seven-figure lottery prizes have gone to residents in Kilmarock, lottery organizer Camelot said.

With a population of 43,000, Kilmarock has the highest number of lottery millionaires per head of population, with the game paying out a prize fund of nearly \$22 million.

From The Associated Press

'Spiderman' strikes again



French climber Alain Robert climbs the 59-story Montparnasse Tower in Paris on Wednesday. Robert, 41, who calls himself "Spiderman," renowned for climbing without ropes or other equipment, has also climbed the Eiffel Tower and more than 30 skyscrapers, including New York's Empire State Building in 1994, and the Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 1997. He was promoting his new book "Spiderman" scheduled to hit the shelves on Thursday. Police greeted Robert at the top of the building.

Job-loss panic rises in Western Europe

By LAURENCE FROST

The Associated Press

PARIS — Stéphane Zervos had worked in a car wheel factory for 24 years when the axe fell in May and his employer announced closure of the plant in Moselle, eastern France.

The firm, German group Rost GMBH, kept production going in Poland and the Czech Republic. But Zervos and his 166 fellow workers in France were catapulted to the front line of a heated national debate on the steady loss of jobs to Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa.

Other Western European nations face similar problems — but don't agree on the solution.

In France, with the national unemployment rate at 9.8 percent, the job drain has spurred a new government drive to make the country more competitive, calling a split in the opposition Socialist Party and is coloring French perceptions about new European Union members in the east, where labor is cheaper.

The catalogue of closures has left French ears ringing with what former U.S. presidential candidate Ross Perot once famously called the "giant sucking sound" of jobs leaving the country.

While Perot was talking about Mexico in 1993 — as U.S. President Bill Clinton pushed the North American Free Trade Agreement — today's French protectionists worry mostly about Asia and the 10 new EU members that joined on May 1.

Finance Minister Nicolas

Sarkozy wants the EU to withhold economic aid from countries that use low company taxes to attract jobs.

The issue has split the opposition Socialists, with party heavyweight and former Prime Minister Laurent Fabius saying France should reject the new EU constitution, in part because of French job losses. But his party leader, Francois Hollande, wants a "yes" vote in next year's referendum.

Economists say panic over job losses is not backed by evidence, and that proposed remedies miss the point.

"Every case of offshoring makes the headlines because it creates a lot of anxiety, but it doesn't really amount to much statistically," said Lionel Fontagne, director of the Paris-based CEPII think-tank and joint author of a report on outsourcing being readied for Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin.

Less than 5 percent of French investment abroad goes to developing countries, according to Fontagne, and only a fraction of that investment involves the transfer of jobs out of France.

Of all French investment in eastern and central Europe, 10 percent involves job offshoring, compared with 20 percent of German investments in the same region.

Fontagne says France can take industrial decline off by innovating, boosting investment and making it easier to hire and fire.

The government is taking a more defensive stance, with plans to spend incentives to persuade companies to keep jobs in France.

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Fish story big fraud

FL TAVARES — It took Ronnie Lynn Robinson two years to own up to his fish tale.

Robinson admitted to common-law cheating — a rare crime — for turning in what looked to be a thawed-out fish with a belly full of lead weights at a 2002 Lake County bass-fishing tournament. Robinson was charged and stripped of his nearly \$2,000 prize at the Harris Chain Bassmasters Big Bass Tournament after tournament director Darren Ratliff gutted the winning fish in his kitchen and found three 8-ounce weights in its stomach.

Robinson, 51, finally admitted guilt in exchange for nine months of court supervision, during which he must stay clear of fishing contests.

Good-looking cops

IN BLUFFTON — There may be a silver lining the next time you are pulled over by Bluffton's police. At least it'll be by the best-dressed officers of any city of its size in the United States.

According to a uniform trade group, this small city about 20 miles south of Fort Wayne shared best-dressed honors with New York, which won in the large city category. The award is given annually by the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers and Distributors, a trade group. Entrants are judged on overall appearance, neatness, projection of authority and other standards. The competition is open to all the nation's police departments.

High-heel defense

NC DURHAM — Attorney Bill Thomas may get a lot more business from female motorists thanks to a novel defense strategy: High heels can help beat a DWI rap.

Thomas asked a judge how anyone could pass a field sobriety test — which requires a lot of walking — in a pair of 3½-inch stiletto high heels.

The town-before-heard argument created a minor sensation among court officials and observers. Thomas contended it would be "fundamentally unfair" to use the results of field sobriety tests against one of his female clients because she was wearing stiletto heels at the time, making her unsteady on her feet.

One of the tests required the woman to walk a straight line for some distance and then pivot quickly. In another, she was supposed to stand on one foot for 30 seconds. Considering that she was wearing stiletto heels, the woman did remarkably well by making it to 16 seconds, Thomas argued.

Spanish GED stats up

CO DENVER — The number of Colorado residents taking the Spanish version of the GED high school equivalency test has jumped from three in 1988 to 974 last year, officials report. That still represents only about 7 percent of the 14,688 people who took the GED last year in Colorado. Some of Colorado's large employers, including state government and Coors Brewing, accept the Spanish



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

GED as a credential for hiring.

Creek not fit for fishing

GA ATLANTA — City officials warned against fishing or entering the Chattahoochee River and an Atlanta creek that flows into the river after a wastewater line ruptured. Ten million gallons of raw sewage spilled into the creek and reached the Chattahoochee River.

Officials couldn't predict when the pollution would clear. Atlanta's drinking water was not affected.

Tunnel survey to start

MN ST. PAUL — Official explorers carrying their own air will begin a month-long survey of the century-old tunnel network through the Mississippi River bluffs in St. Paul. Three teens died of carbon monoxide poisoning there in April. City officials hope the survey will lead to making the area safe. The tunnels were built for storage.

New paper opens

VT BRATTLEBORO — The statewide weekly newspaper, a new Vermont Guardian, has opened offices in Winooski and Brattleboro, with plans to begin publishing. Editors say the paper



Studying in the sun

Jasmin Jacob, 22, studies for her standardized board exam for registered nursing on her porch in Kansas City, Mo.

will be committed to covering all of Vermont. They also plan to publish news on a daily Web site.

Help for quitters

ND BISMARK — The state's Health Department is offering a toll-free telephone line to put state tobacco users in touch with counselors who will help them quit. The "tobacco quit line" will use counselors from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and the community medicine department at the University of North Dakota's medical school, health officials said.

Woman's injury unclear

PA BELLEFONTE — Police and prosecutors originally said a woman suffered two gunshot wounds after a Sept. 6 argument with her boyfriend, but now they aren't so sure.

Billy Joe Leathers, 33, of Howard, was charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault and other offenses for allegedly shooting his girlfriend in the back of the head.

The woman, whose name was not released, was treated at Geisinger Medical Center and received one staple to close the injury in her head.

Centre County District Attorney Ray Grisar said doctors found two small wounds about a centimeter apart on the back of the woman's head, but they could not say for sure that she was shot.

Improving cab service

HI HONOLULU — State transportation officials said they will try to improve the efficiency of the taxi-dispatching service at Honolulu International Airport. The state has fielded several complaints of long waits for cabs since Ampco System Parking took over dispatching May 1. Ampco said it's taking steps to make its operation more efficient.

Donation with a catch

IN MONTPELIER — Town elders plan to offer a \$100 million gift to this community. There's only one catch: It'll be a century before donors can collect.

Kenny Neff, who was mayor from 1983 to 1995, organized 10 donors to give \$1,000 each to the trust fund, but the city won't be able to tap it for 100 years. Neff said the goal was to give future city leaders an endowment.

Neff worked with Dick Paxson, a representative of Edward Jones Investments in Montpelier, on organizing the fund. Paxson calculated that the \$10,000 could grow to more than \$125 million after a century at 10 percent growth a year.

Alabama hosting hunts

AL PELHAM — Alabama will hold two more archery hunts this year to kill deer at Oak Mountain State Park. The hunts will be Oct. 26 and 27 and Dec. 15 and 16, said Barnett Lawley, state conservation commissioner. The hunts are part of efforts to thin out the herd. Deer have contributed to erosion problems by stripping low-lying vegetation throughout the park.



Raking the river

State biologist Kevin Frey scoops small fish out of the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River at Warfield, Ky. He was checking to see how well fish in the stream are reproducing in the wake of a coal sludge spill.



Hay for horses?

Herbert Litts, 70, cuts hay on the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill site in Hyde Park, N.Y. Litts plans to bale the hay this weekend to use on his farm in Highland, which he runs with his sons.



Cool summer

Christy Maier, left, and Brian Mattice play on the swings at Ontario Beach Park in Rochester, N.Y. This summer, the weather in the Rochester area never hit 90 degrees.



Baby boom Tracy Baroni Allmon watches her four children, Piper, 3, in front of her, and her seven-month-old triplets, from left, Bailey, Luke and Spencer, play at the Child Development Center at Bristol-Myers Squibb, where Allmon works, in Plainsboro, N.J.



Roping 'em in Lobsterman Edward Figueiredo of Cohasset, Mass., reaches for his lobster rope before throwing it in a dumpster at Duxbury Waste Transfer Station in Duxbury, Mass. Figueiredo was one of the many Massachusetts lobstermen participating in a program to remove 220 tons and 3,250 miles of dangerous, floating lobster gear with state-of-the-art, whale-friendly equipment.



Ready, aim, fire Law enforcement officers compete Monday during the first day of the National Rifle Association's National Police Shooting Championships at the Jackson Police firing range in Jackson, Miss.



Biking by Buddha Darren O'Brien of Waterford, Ireland, rides his bicycle down Pine Street in Burlington, Vt., past a mural of a Buddha painted by Burlington-based artist Ron Hernandez.

Re-enactors warned

SD CHAMBERLAIN — Two hundred years after Lewis and Clark's tense encounter with Black Buffalo's Teton Sioux, historical re-enactors following the explorers' route have received a blunt warning from some American Indians.

"All you did by coming up into our territory is open old wounds," said Alex White Plume, a Lakota from Pine Ridge, S.D., who was among a group of Indians who met with expedition leaders, including a direct descendant of Capt. William Clark.

Expedition members had invited the Indians to their camp on the Missouri River to express their concerns about the re-enactment. About 25 Indian men, women and children came carrying a banner asking, "Why celebrate genocide?"

"We're here to ask you to turn around and go home," White Plume said. "Don't proceed through our territory."

Peyton Clark, great-great-grandson of William Clark, was clearly shaken by the anger and pain expressed by some of the camp visitors. The expedition moved on to the Crow Creek reservation, their next stop upriver.

Waiting lists for classes

MA BOSTON — A shortage of English instruction for adult immigrants has resulted in packed classes and long waiting lists.

The Boston Sunday Globe reported that more than 17,000 people are on waiting lists for free or low-cost classes. A study by the Massachusetts Institute for a New Commonwealth, a Boston think tank, found that as many as 46,000 people in Boston, and 195,000 in Massachusetts, speak little or limited English.

Pups go their own ways

AK SEWARD — Two orphaned ringed seal pups nursed to health this summer at the Alaska SeaLife Center both launched remarkable migrations after their release last month near Nome, swimming hundreds of miles in opposite directions.

Satellites tracked one pup 500 miles through the Bering Strait into the Arctic Ocean toward an area south of Russia's Wrangel Island, where other ringed seals congregate. The other pup swam southeast on a meandering 600-mile tour through the Bering Sea into Bristol Bay toward the Alaska Peninsula.

"The two of them were raised together and were released the exact same time at the same beach, and they just broke up," said Russ Andrews, a marine mammal biologist who specializes in developing new tracking technology.

Man falls to death

AZ GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK — A man was found dead after falling from a trail in Grand Canyon National Park and landing about 500 feet below, a park spokeswoman said. Efforts to recover the man's body using a helicopter were hampered by high wind, said park spokeswoman Leah McGinnis.

It was an unclear why the man fell while hiking, McGinnis said.

His wife had been walking in front of him and didn't see him fall.

Authorities didn't release the man's identity because they had not yet positively identified the body.

Man arrested at airport

CA LOS ANGELES — A man was arrested at Los Angeles International Airport for having three bullets sewn inside his jacket after he set off a metal detector, authorities said.

Jay Daniel Brown, 39, was taken into custody and booked for investigation of possession of dangerous weapons, said Officer Jason Lee, a police spokesman. Bail was set at \$20,000.

Brown set off a metal detector in Terminal 4, where he was planning to board an American Airlines flight to Austin, Texas, Lee said.

No passengers were evacuated from the terminal, authorities said.

Tour bus crashes

WY GREYBULL — A packed tour bus went out of control and overturned in a snowstorm in the Horn Mountains, injuring at least 20 people, seven of them seriously.

It took a few hours for some victims to be extracted from the wreckage on U.S. 14 about 10 miles south of Burgess Junction in north-central Wyoming, according to Sgt. Stephen Townsend, spokesman for the state Highway Patrol. A half-inch of slush covered the road at the time.

The America Tours International bus was full, with 42 passengers and a driver, and Townsend said the passengers spoke Dutch. Townsend said the bus was traveling west toward Yellowstone National Park when the crash occurred, but added that officials with the Mesa, Ariz.-based tour company were unsure where the bus originated or where it was going.

The injured were taken to a clinic in Basin, about 50 miles southeast, and a hospital in Worland, about 100 miles from the crash site.

Free tuition program

CT STORRS — The state is spending nearly \$1.6 million a year to pay for foster child care, but officials believe that the investment will save the state money in the long run because the program's recipients won't require social services or need to be in prison. Three students are enrolled in the program. Students are asked to contribute \$500 a year and apply for grants and scholarships.

Fugitive pleads guilty

FL MIAMI — A fugitive captured in Colombia last year pleaded guilty to helping smuggle more than 24 tons of cocaine into the United States between 1984 and 2000, federal officials said.

Alex Decubus, a Cuban-born naturalized American citizen, admitted to helping run a small fleet of ships and boats, including the 226-foot Danish freighter Nernia, to carry cocaine between the Bahamas and south Florida and conspiring with others to launder more than \$6 million in drug money.

If a judge accepts the plea, the defendant faces between 20 years and life in prison and a maximum fine of \$4 million.

Stories and photos from wire services

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Action star saves herself

'Terminator' actress Hamilton recounts her battle with bipolar disorder and depression

BY MICHAEL P. WEINFELD
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — "Terminator" fans know Linda Hamilton as Sarah Connor — tough as nails and out to save the world. But in real life, Hamilton was having trouble saving herself.

In an interview with AP Radio, Hamilton revealed that she's bipolar. She has struggled with depression most of her life and was a compulsive eater as a child. She knew something was wrong, but she didn't know what.

For 20 years, she tried different therapies and treatments in a desperate search for answers. She was finally diagnosed 10 years ago. Once she got her illness under control, she decided to talk about it.

Why? So others don't have to suffer as she did, and to promote a program that stresses exercise and good eating for people who suffer from mental illness.

AP: The "Terminator" movies gave you an image as a tough cookie. Did you feel that way yourself?

Hamilton: I became this sort of iconic figure of fitness and toughness and I was like, "Oh, no, no, no, you don't want to be like her." She was a woman in hell, a woman that was suffering horribly. Please don't mistake who I am for who that character is.

AP: Were you told to live with your illness?

Hamilton: If I was suffering or angry in those years under the smallest slight, he would suffer. And if we happened to be with his brother and sister-in-law, they would suffer.

There was no capacity to remove myself from my condition and think about other people in the room and how they might not want to have to be dragged into this, so it was all about me.

AP: How many years before you found out what was wrong?

Hamilton: I would say 20 full years of symptoms, not counting my childhood. From 20 to 40. I call them my lost years.

AP: Were you having severe mood swings?

Hamilton: Very severe. My first husband said you have the most incredible joy and the most incredible sorrow that goes with it.

Without giving it a name, he had pretty much summed it up for me.

"Please don't mistake who I am for who [my 'Terminator' character is]."

Linda Hamilton
star of "Terminator" movies

AP: What were your manic highs like?

Hamilton: It's an amazingly brilliant time. You don't need sleep. I think I existed on four hours sleep a night for four years. Sleep doesn't seem necessary. You wake up feeling great.

But it's not all great feelings. A lot of the raging that I did I think was the manic part of my disorder. The capacity for fighting, war, taking everything on, taking too much on, overachieving and then raging because my system was so depleted.

AP: And how about the lows, what were they like?

Hamilton: Like falling into a manhole and not being able to climb out no matter what.

AP: How were you finally diagnosed?

Hamilton: About 10 years ago,

when I really was crashing and burning. Had spent many years, you know, not only looking for the answers but sort of self-medicating with drugs and alcohol as well, and was struggling to keep my marriages intact.

It was at that point that someone wouldn't let me out of his office. He said, "You are so seriously bipolar. You should not leave this office without me calling your primary physician and we need to get you on medicine."

AP: Were you afraid of what the meds might do to your personality?

Hamilton: A lot of my early career was based on that angry woman that was just an organic outgrowth of the chemical imbalance that I had. And I thought I'm going to become normal, and I won't have those extraordinary gifts as an actress.

But there is nothing that has been diminished or dulled. I don't feel that any of my greatness has been covered over.

AP: I understand that eating right and exercising also helps.

Hamilton: There is a definite correlation between the mind and the body. Being physically fit doesn't mean anything if the mind isn't fit and being fit in the mind is not worth much if the body is suffering.

I recommend a balance between the therapies that are available, the medicines that are available, but not to give up on the body as a result. Forty percent of the people who are being treated for mental illness are not addressing the physical body.

AP: What about exercise?

Hamilton: Exercise is an incredible kick to feeling well. But for people with mental illness, taking care of the body is not an automatic thing. The mind is in such chaos it's hard to come up with a



Actress Linda Hamilton, best known for her role as Sarah Connor in the "Terminator" movies, tells a radio audience of her 20-year history of manic-depression.

plan. So to people like us, it's more important than ever to follow a regimen.

AP: Why are you going public now?

Hamilton: My quality of life is more amazing than I ever could've imagined in those 20 years of struggling with illness. In those 20 years, I did not know the meaning of the word hope. It was just a bleak, difficult existence.

With all the gifts, with all the successes that I had, it was still an incredibly bleak way of living and I want to be a messenger of hope. I have 20 years of self-interest. It was all about Linda, Linda, Linda, and I want to make up for that time and spread the word that there is help available.

I want to destigmatize the words mental illness.

A hair scare under the hood

With her red velvet hooded cape, Cybil Shepherd could have been Little Red Riding Hood.

During an interview on Britain's GMTV Tuesday morning in London, the 54-year-old actress-singer, who once appeared on the cover of Vogue magazine, explained that she'd worn the cape to hide her "jet lag hair."

"Sorry about the cape, but I didn't have time to do my hair," she explained. **Fiona Phillips**

When Phillips joked, "Well, we're pleased you made an effort this morning," Shepherd apologized and told her, "I don't mean to be disrespectful. Would you like to

see my jet lag hair?"

She removed the cape to reveal her blond hair tied up in a topknot. Loosening her tresses, she laughed, "Would you like me to brush it now?"

Better than mainstream

The Shortlist is now short. After an initial 73 nominations for the 2004 Shortlist Music Prize, the 10 finalists were announced this week. Among them: Scottish rockers Franz Ferdinand, quirky chanteuse Nellie McKay and country veteran Loretta Lynn, whose album was produced by Jack White of The White Stripes.

The Shortlist Music Prize honors artists whose albums were critically acclaimed but fell short of mainstream commercial success. It is decided by an eclectic mix of musicians and journalists. This year's committee includes Norah Jones, Jack Black, John Mayer and the Dixie Chicks.

The other seven finalists are the albums of Wilco, The Killers, TV on the Radio, Ar, The Streets, Dizzee Rascal and Ghostface

Killah.

Nominees were announced last month. The winner, to be announced Nov. 10 after a concert featuring nominees in Los Angeles, gets a \$10,000 prize.

Fergie stumps for dieters

Sarah Ferguson is happy to travel the country waving the Weight Watchers flag, but says the government needs to do its part to combat obesity.

Ferguson led more than 700 Weight Watchers faithful in a rousing "super meeting" Monday in Amherst, N.Y., as part of an eight-city tour for the weight-loss group. Afterward, she said membership to such support-based systems should be covered by Medicare or Medicaid.

Great Britain's health care system, she said, is considering such a proposal.

"Yes, I can speak for Weight Watchers. Yes, I can travel around inspiring people, but let's get the country to be a bit more supportive and realizing it's a killer," said the former member of Britain's royal fami-

ly, who has lobbied on Capitol Hill on weight-related health issues.

Onstage — Ferguson entered behind three pom-pom-waving women with "Pretty Woman" blaring on speakers — Ferguson recounted a struggle with weight that began with her parents' divorce when she was 12 and continued through her marriage to Prince Andrew, when the tabloids dubbed her "Duchess of Pork."

"I started so believing it I started sabotaging my life," Ferguson, wearing a chocolate pinstriped suit, told the audience, ticking off financial problems, the end of her marriage and other embarrassments that fed a tabloid frenzy in the 1980s and '90s. "If you're going to humiliate yourself, do it in front of an entire country," she said.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Shepherd



Ferguson

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Horoscope

The moon starts in Capricorn and ends in Aquarius, giving this day a two-toned feel. The early hours are focused on task. Important things get crossed off the list, and more important things are put in their place. The evening is for liberating the mind by taking a detour or indulging in an odd amusement. It's lucky to chat with friends.

Joyce Jillson



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(September 23). This year brings treasures, the best of which is a sense of inner peace that allows you to make the most of the many opportunities that are presented to you. This month and next are about love and more love. You're healing old wounds and forging new relationships. A large purchase in December makes life easier.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Even when you're instructed to tone it down, you'll shine brightly. Anyone who can't deal with the attention you're receiving will just have to get over it, because this could continue for the next 48 hours! Enjoy it while it lasts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You're bound to get to the bottom of things! What is the truth and what is a lie are the big questions that will be answered before the end of the day. Friction between friends is finally put to rest, too, which frees up your energy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You're in a kind of time warp in regards to one area of your life. This will be pointed out to you, and you'll have the chance to learn more so you can rectify the situation if you choose—which, being a Gemini, you probably will.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You're in the mood to be comfortable and low key, but being out in the general public requires that you make more of an effort. If not, you'll miss out on the best opportunities life has to offer. You could run into old friends tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

If wishful thinking could make it so, you'd make it so today. Your head is filled with wishful dreams, and it seems everything you read, watch or

television or see in your environment only makes these dreams more vivid.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

The world is populated with people with vastly varying strengths and talents, and you'll be taking advantage of that fact today. Hire someone to handle something you really know nothing about. A sweetest surprise awaits you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Your power of suggestion holds real weight—it's almost like you can hypnotize people into doing your bidding. If you're in sales (and who isn't in one way or another?), you can practically demand that customers buy from you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You can almost read the minds of your loved ones and friends. This ability should help you maneuver smoothly. This afternoon, the tendency might be to overindulge, and dealing with this indulgence is no easy task.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Make some big plans. It takes something nearly impossible to get you up on your feet. Friends have so many wonderful opinions, none of which you'll care the least bit about today, since you'll be doing your own thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Put your experience to work for you. Mischievous or possibly even devious people are near and will probably be testing you in some way. Swift and firm action lets the world know that you're nobody's fool.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

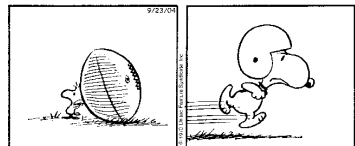
Some people need a reason to smile. You can smile first and then look for a reason. This quality will keep your surroundings stocked with amusing and pleasant opportunities. You truly feel that you're part of the world family.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Be generous. You get more back than you give—so much more that you're almost annoyed, thinking, "How will I ever repay this kindness?" You can cross that bridge when you come to it. Tonight, you breathe a sigh of relief.

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Peanuts



Calvin and Hobbes



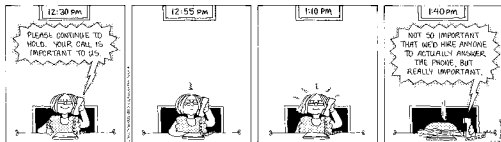
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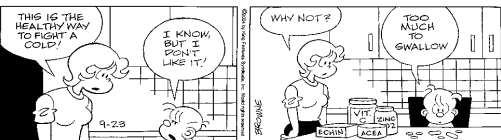
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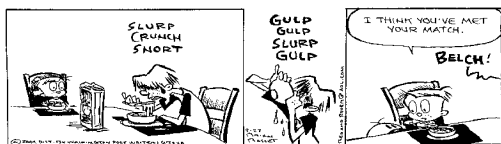
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Beetle Bailey



Red Rover



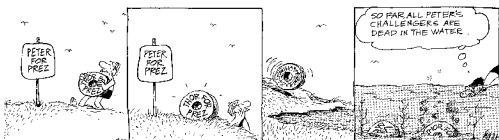
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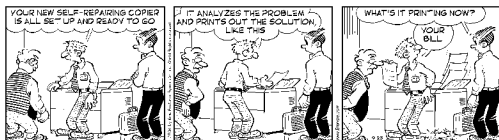
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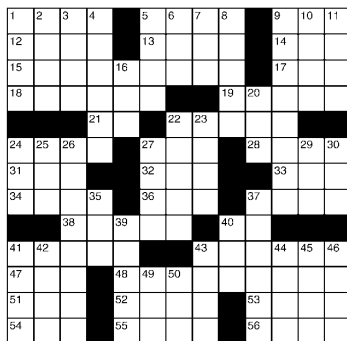
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Garfield



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

- 1 Con game
- 5 Dickens, for ex.
- 9 Insult (SL)
- 12 Sites
- 13 Hang laxly
- 14 Praiseful piece
- 15 Simon duo
- 17 Benicio — Toro
- 18 Prevent a touchdown, maybe
- 19 Go biking
- 21 Wilbur's horse
- 22 Can emblem
- 24 Host
- 27 Lanka lead-in
- 28 Lane co-worker
- 31 Miss Piggy's word
- 32 Have a bug
- 33 Melody
- 34 Jab
- 36 Aviate
- 37 One way to stand by
- 38 Arts supporter?
- 40 E-mail address part
- 41 Page of song
- 43 "Seinfeld" role
- 47 Carnival setting
- 48 Pantheon members
- 51 Put into the mix
- 52 Sharpen
- 53 Freshie
- 54 Incensed
- 55 Compared to
- 56 In due time
- 2 Last several notes
- 3 "High Voltage" band
- 4 Disneyland fave
- 5 Professor Plum's game
- 6 Infield bounce
- 7 Every last crumb
- 8 Pilled a Van
- 9 Famed publishing house
- 10 Notion
- 11 Broker's advice
- 16 On in years
- 20 "A mouse!"
- 22 Wartle
- 23 Unchous
- 24 Equipment for 3-down
- 25 Aussie leaper
- 26 Movie producer once wed to Liz Taylor
- 27 Secure
- 29 Zilch
- 30 Have a go at
- 35 Chow down
- 37 Mississippi River source
- 39 Vision
- 40 Pub brew
- 41 Stroller
- 42 John/Rice collaboration
- 43 Unimprovable place
- 44 "When the Frost — the Pumpkin!"
- 45 Ploar clownfish
- 46 "SportsCenter" venue
- 49 Reaction to fireworks
- 50 "CSI" evidence

Answer to Previous Puzzle



Down

- 1 Fit into the schedule

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CRYPTOQUIP

W S K N C R Y Y O E L Y H V W X D
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H S L Y C E W H X Q W O ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I BET THAT A NEW
DRAMA CONCERNING SIDE DISHES MIGHT BE
CALLED "SLAW AND ORDER."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals S

Pool owners: Beware of liability

Dear Abby: After reading the letter from "Desperate in Kansas," about unwitting guests showing up to use their new swimming pool, I had to write.

Here's how my wife and I solved the problem when neighborhood children started showing up at all hours.

First, we decided that rules would have to be set — and enforced. We began by having a sturdy fence and locked wrought-iron gates installed around the pool area. We asked our attorney to draw up a "liability waiver" to be signed by the parents of the children in our neighborhood and returned to us personally by the parent or guardian. If there was no signed waiver, the child was not permitted to swim.

We allocated two evenings a week, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., when the neighbors' children

were welcome to use our pool. These were evenings when my wife and I would be home to sit on the patio and watch and referee the children. No swimming would be permitted at any other time unless by special invitation.

"Desperate" should try our method. Her neighbors will respect her for it. — **Experienced in Yuma, Ariz.**

Dear Abby



Dear Experienced: Consider yourself fortunate that your neighbors abided by your rules. Since I printed that letter, I have heard some horror stories. Read on for a sample:

Dear Abby: You suggested that "Desperate in Kansas" put a stop to the drop-ins by becoming assertive, installing a flagpole or signs to indicate when the pool was open, increasing the amount of homeowner's insurance, and suggesting the pool be fenced. I don't think you were far enough.

One particular case I studied

in college stands out. It involved a family whose swimming pool was surrounded by a 6-foot-high locked fence. While the family was away on vacation, several youths scaled the fence and went swimming. Unfortunately, one drowned, and the owners of the pool were convicted of negligent homicide! The ruling stated that the owners of the pool should have contacted each neighbor and informed them of their plans because a pool is considered an "attractive nuisance."

— **Chris in Pelham, Ala.**

Dear Chris: Thank you for the warning. One of my readers sat on a jury for a wrongful death suit with similar circumstances and urged me to inform "Desperate" as well as other pool owners that unwitting children using a swimming pool without permission or parental supervision should be reported to the police for trespassing.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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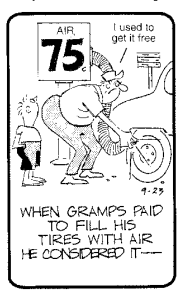
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Yesterday's Jumbles: TRULY RANCH BOUNTY BENIGN Answer: What the cops demanded from the arson suspect — THE "BURNING TRUTH"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrison



WHEN GRAMPS PAID TO FILL HIS TIRES WITH AIR HE CONSIDERED IT —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Depression screening worth time

Dear Annie: In 1996,

I transferred schools to be closer to my boyfriend in Michigan.

When I arrived, I was in emotional turmoil.

Then, my grandmother was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Being away from home and dealing with work, school and my grandmother's illness became a lot more than I could handle. When my grandmother died, I sank into a deep depression. My boyfriend didn't understand what was going on, and I felt worthless.

I noticed a flyer that was posted all over campus about National Depression Screening Day, and I went. My depression was diagnosed, and I began counseling right away. Later, I was put on a minimal dose of an anti-depressant, and soon after, my life was much more manage-

Annie's Mailbox



able. I was pleasant to be around, and my depression was something I could deal with, not something that was dealing with me.

I'm so thankful the screening was available. I now help administer and score the screens and feel a

great sense of pride in being able to tell people that this test was quite beneficial in making me who I am today. Please remind your readers about this wonderful service.

— **Angela in Ann Arbor, Mich.**

Dear Angela: Thank you for providing an opportunity once again to mention National Depression Screening Day, which will take place on Thursday, Oct. 7.

All screenings are free and confidential. You will be invited to fill out a one-page question-

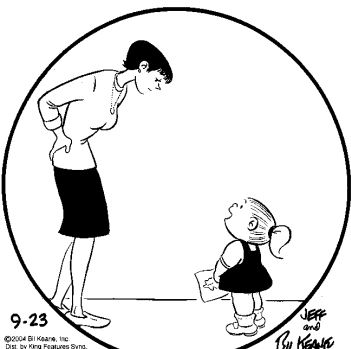
naire assessing the likelihood that you are suffering from depression, bipolar disorder, generalized anxiety disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder. You also will have the opportunity to hear an educational presentation, receive pamphlets and brochures, and follow up privately with a mental health professional if necessary.

Screenings will be held across the country at approximately 7,000 screening sites, including hospitals, mental health clinics, colleges and primary care offices. To find a screening site, our readers can call 1-800-437-1200 or visit www.MentalHealthScreening.org. The lines are open right now, so please call today if you or someone you love is suffering from depression.

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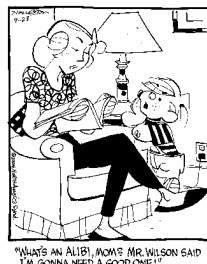
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"I think Gregory loves me. Today he looked at me and giggled."



Domis the Menace

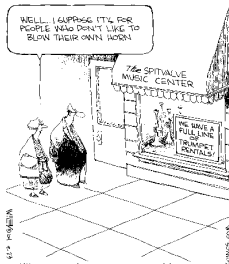


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SCOREBOARD

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Thursday

AFN-Sports, 8 a.m. - Baseball: Houston at San Francisco.
AFN-Sports, 8 a.m. - Pro football: NFL Week 6. Cincinnati at the Colts.
AFN-Sports, 10 a.m. - Outdoors: Walt-Mart Fours (Ind.).
AFN-Sports, 10 a.m. - Track and field: IAAF World (Ind.).
AFN-Sports, 6:30 p.m. - Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Florida.
AFN-Sports, 11 p.m. - Boxing: Ballroom Boxing (Ind.).

Friday

AFN-Atlantic, 1:30 a.m. - College football: Miami at Houston.
AFN-Atlantic, 1:30 a.m. - Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Florida.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. - Baseball: Oakland at San Francisco.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. - Baseball: Baltimore at Cincinnati.
AFN-Sports, 2 p.m. - Pro football: NFL Week 6. Cincinnati at the Colts.
AFN-Sports, 3 p.m. - Boxing: Ballroom Boxing (Ind.).
AFN Sports, 10 p.m. - Tennis: Davis Cup semifinals, United States vs. Belarus.

Pro football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
	East					
New England	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	2	0	0	1.000	65	52
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	20	26
Miami	0	2	0	.000	20	33
	South					
Jacksonville	2	0	0	1.000	20	16
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	55	44
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	38	38
Houston	0	2	0	.000	36	55
	North					
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	33	33
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	40	44
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	32	22
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	37	51
	West					

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

San Diego	0	2	0	.000	45	52	-7	15	Chargers
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	41	62	-21	16	Chiefs
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
East									
Philadelphia	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Diff	Rank	Team
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	36	47	-11	1	Eagles
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	37	45	-8	2	Pirates
Washington	1	1	0	.500	30	30	0	3	Giants
South									
Atlanta	2	0	0	1.000	55	36	+19	4	Falcons
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	42	41	+1	5	Jets
New Orleans	1	0	1	.500	37	48	-11	6	Buccaners
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	16	26	-10	7	Packers
North									
Detroit	2	0	0	1.000	48	32	+16	8	Lions
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	37	38	-1	9	Bears
Indianapolis	0	0	1	.000	34	35	-1	10	Seahawks
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	51	44	+7	11	49ers
West									
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	31	13	+18	12	Cards
St. Louis	1	0	1	.500	34	44	-10	13	Panthers
Arizona	0	2	0	.000	22	40	-18	14	Panthers

Sunday's games

Detroit 28, Houston 17
 Atlanta 34, St. Louis 17
 Chicago 21, Green Bay 10
 Jacksonville 17, Denver 8
 N.Y. Giants 20, Washington 14
 Indianapolis 31, Tennessee 17
 Baltimore 30, Pittsburgh 17
 Dallas 20, Tampa Bay 17
 New Orleans 30, San Francisco 27
 Cincinnati 16, Kansas City 17
 Dallas 13, Cleveland 12
 San Diego 34, San Diego 28
 Arizona 13, Buffalo 10
 Cleveland 24, Cincinnati 12
 Cincinnati 15, Miami 13
Monday's game
 Philadelphia 27, Minnesota 16
 Arizona at Atlanta
 Jacksonville at Detroit
 Cleveland at N.Y. Giants
 Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay
 Houston at Kansas City
 New Orleans at St. Louis
 Jacksonville at Cincinnati
 Chicago at Minnesota
 San Diego at Denver
 Green Bay at Indianapolis
 San Francisco at Seattle
 Dallas at Oakland
 Jets: Buffalo, Carolina, New England, N.Y. Jets
 Dallas at Washington

Monday, Sept. 27

NFL players of the week

American Conference
Week 2
 Offense - RB Edgerrin James, Indianapolis
 Defense - S Rodney Harrison, New England
NFL
 Special - P Shane Letcher, Oakland
West
 Offense - WR Curtis Martin, N.Y. Jets
 Defense - DE Kenard Lang, Cleveland
 Special - P Mike McNeill, Denver
National Conference
Week 2
 Offense - QB Michael Vick, Atlanta
 Defense - LB Brian Urlacher, Chicago
 Special - P Brian Urlacher, Chicago
Week 1
 Offense - QB Daunte Culpepper, Minnesota

Defense - LB Nick Barnett, Green Bay
 Special - S Bracy Walker, Detroit

College football

A M I 25 schedule

Thursday, Sept. 23
 No. 4 Miami at Houston
Friday, Sept. 24
 No. 1 Boise State at Texas
Saturday, Sept. 25
 No. 11 South Carolina vs. Rice
 No. 8 Florida vs. James Madison
 No. 5 Texas Tech vs. Clemson
 No. 2 Auburn vs. The Citadel
 No. 11 Tennessee vs. Louisiana Tech
 No. 12 Virginia vs. Syracuse
 No. 13 LSU vs. Mississippi State
 No. 14 Utah vs. Air Force
 No. 18 Michigan vs. Iowa
 No. 16 Florida vs. Kentucky
 No. 19 Wisconsin vs. Penn State
 No. 19 Minnesota vs. Northwestern
 No. 20 Wisconsin vs. Oregon State
 No. 23 Maryland at Duke
 No. 24 Louisville at North Carolina

Division II Top 25

Through Sept. 19	Record	Pts	Team
1	9-0	625	Grand Valley St., Mich. (25)
2	9-0	625	North Dakota
3	8-1	573	Pittsburg, Kan.
4	8-1	573	Texas A&M-Kingsville
5	8-1	538	Western Michigan
6	8-1	538	Central Oklahoma
7	8-1	474	Catawba, N.C.
8	8-1	474	Central Oklahoma
9	8-1	420	Albany St., Ga.
10	8-1	420	Carson-Newman, Tenn.
11	8-1	420	Shippensburg, Pa.
12	8-1	420	Albany St., Ga.
13	8-1	420	Valdosta St., Ga.
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23	8-1	420	Valdosta St., Ga.
24	8-1	420	Valdosta St., Ga.
25	8-1	420	Valdosta St., Ga.

Division III Top 25

Through Sept. 19	Record	Pts	Team
1	9-0	995	Mount Union, Ohio (38)
2	9-0	995	Mount Union, Ohio (38)
3	9-0	995	Mount Union, Ohio (38)
4	9-0	995	Mount Union, Ohio (38)
5	9-0	995	Mount Union, Ohio (38)
6	9-0	995	Mount Union, Ohio (38)
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24	9-0	995	Mount Union, Ohio (38)
25	9-0	995	Mount Union, Ohio (38)

Pro soccer

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference									
W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA	Diff	Rank	Team	Points
1	0	1	1.000	10	40	+30	1	Columbus	3
2	0	1	1.000	10	40	+30	2	Metropolitan	3
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Western Conference

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Sunday's games

D.C. United at Columbus
 Colorado at Dallas
 Oakland at Kansas City
 New England at Chicago

Pro basketball

WNBA playoffs

First Round
Best-of-five
Eastern Conference
 Connecticut vs. Washington
Western Conference
 Sacramento vs. Seattle
Second Round
Best-of-five
Eastern Conference
 Connecticut vs. Washington
Western Conference
 Sacramento vs. Seattle
Third Round
Best-of-five
Eastern Conference
 Connecticut vs. Washington
Western Conference
 Sacramento vs. Seattle

Tennis

China Open
Wednesday
 At the Beijing Tennis Centre
 Beijing, China
Purse: \$500,000 (Tier II)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
 Nadia Petrova (U.S.), Russia, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-3, 6-2
 Jelena Jankovic (U.S.), Serbia, def. Montserrat Pagonis (Greece), Greece, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5)
Second Round
 Maria Sharapova (U.S.), Russia, def. Tatiana Panova, Russia, 6-1, 6-2
 Serena Williams (U.S.), U.S., def. Maria Sharapova, Russia, 6-1, 6-2
 Venus Williams (U.S.), U.S., def. Maria Sharapova, Russia, 6-1, 6-2
 Ana Ivanovic (Serbia), Serbia, def. Dina Safina, Russia, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3
 Angelika Kerber (Germany), Germany, def. Tamara Tansu, Thailand, 6-4, 6-4

Auto racing

Nexel Cup schedule
 (a.m. - Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla.)
 (b.m. - Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla.)
 Feb. 22 - Subway Auto, Rockingham, N.C. (Mark Martin)
 June 15 - Daytona-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas, (Matt Kenseth)
 March 14 - Golden Crown 400, Hampton, Ga. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
 March 21 - Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Jimmie Johnson)
 March 28 - Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)
 April 4 - Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala., Martin (Jeff Gordon)
 April 18 - Advance Auto Parts 500, Martinsville, Va. (Jeff Gordon)
 May 29 - Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala., Martin (Jeff Gordon)
 May 2 - Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Jeff Gordon)
 May 15 - Chevy American Revolution 400, Richmond, Va. (Mark Martin)
 May 30 - Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Jeff Gordon)
 June 6 - M&M's 400, Fontana, Calif. (Jeff Gordon)
 June 13 - Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Jimmie Johnson)
 June 20 - DHL 400, Brooklynn, Mich. (Ryan Newman)
 June 27 - Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Jeff Gordon)
 July 3 - Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jimmie Johnson)
 July 1

Young's slam leaves A's restless

Rangers beat Mulder to open three-game set

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Michael Young didn't let Mark Mulder get out of another bases-loaded jam, and made sure the Texas Rangers kept alive their long-shot chance in the AL West.

Young's grand slam in the fourth, an inning after Mulder escaped trouble, helped the Rangers to a 9-4 victory Tuesday night in the opener of a three-game series against the division-leading Oakland Athletics.

"If Mulder gets out of that inning, who knows what happens," Mark Teixeira said. "The grand slam really hurts. After that, as a team we knew it was over."

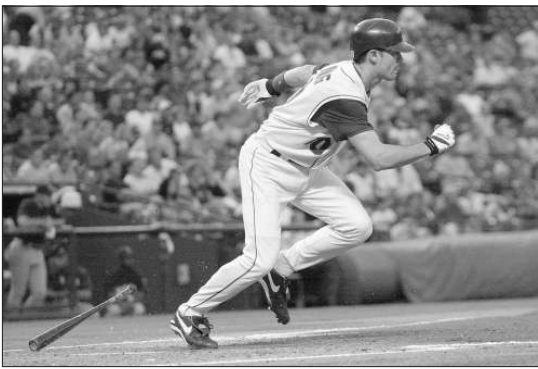
The Athletics trailed 3-2 before Young's second career slam, his 21st home this season. It came after first baseman Scott Hatteberg's two-out error and put the Rangers up 7-2.

"That's the type of thing a player like Mike does for a club," manager Buck Showalter said. "That's what leadership is all about."

Young was an All-Star shortstop this season after switching from second base in spring training. He replaced Alex Rodriguez after the AL MVP was traded to the New York Yankees.

Texas is four games behind the Athletics with 12 to play. Anaheim, which lost 7-3 to Seattle, is 2½ games behind Oakland.

While the September struggles of Mulder continued, Ryan Drese (14-8) won his third straight start



Texas Rangers' Michael Young leaves the batters box after getting his 200th hit of the season against Oakland Athletics pitcher Mark Mulder in the first inning of the Rangers' 9-4 victory Tuesday in Arlington, Texas.

even though he allowed four runs in 5½ innings.

Mulder (17-6) didn't make it out of the fifth, allowing nine runs — five earned — eight hits, two walks and two hit batters. The left-hander is 0-2 with an 8.22 ERA in four starts this month. "It was horrible," Mulder said. "It's been like that for a while. I'm not doing the team any good. I feel like a hitter who's 0-for-100."

Mulder hit two batters and walked Young in the third, but got out of that with a popout and grounder. He wasn't as fortunate in the fourth with his 2-0 pitch against Young.

"It was one of his sinkers that didn't sink," Oakland manager Ken Macha said.

After finishing last in the AL West four straight seasons, Texas (83-67) went into its last 10-game homestand already assured a winning season and still in contention. The Rangers and A's are meeting this week for the final time this season.

"Our mind-set is we want to go out there and play every game, play our kind of ball," Young said. "We're not going to come here with a must-win attitude, because we proved that just doesn't work. We tried that before."

At Minnesota and Boston to start September, when they lost five of six games.

Brian Jordan's RBI single in the first made it 3-0. Young, who doubled for his 200th hit of the season, scored with Hank Blalock on a two-run double by Teixeira, who has 108 RBIs — 94 since June 2.

Mulder was pulled after Kevin Mench singled and Jordan walked to start the fifth. Both scored after the pitching change.

Before Young's slam, Oakland scored with runs in the third and fourth innings, ending Texas' string of 20 straight scoreless innings.

Bellhorn gets Red Sox back on track vs. O's

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Mark Bellhorn's line drive headed for center field, and his teammates were in hot pursuit.

Even before Dave Roberts and Bill Mueller scored to give Boston a 3-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles, the Red Sox were pouring out the dugout to celebrate Bellhorn's two-out single and the end of a three-game losing streak that

threatened to end Boston's dwindling chances for an AL East title.

"It's not the time of year to lose four in a row," said manager Terry Francona, whose Red Sox came within an out of doing that after Javy Lopez hit a last-strike, two-run homer in the top of the ninth to put the Orioles up 2-1.

Curt Schilling cruised through eight innings, striking out a season-high 14 as he went for his major league-leading 21st victory.

But given a 1-0 lead on Kevin Miller's eighth-inning sacrifice fly, Keith Foulke (4-3) gave up Lopez's two-run homer on a 3-2 pitch with two outs in the ninth.

B.J. Ryan (3-6) walked Kevin Youkiss in the bottom half, and Mueller doubled off the Green Monster for his career-high fourth hit. Pinch-hitter David McCarty popped up foul of first base, then Johnny Damon struck out looking. Jorge Julio came on to face Bell-

horn, who had already struck out twice in the game and 161 times in the season — one shy of the franchise record. Bellhorn laced a pitch to deep center field, out of the reach of Larry Bigbie.

"Up and down. Up and down. That's playoff, late September baseball," Schilling said. "Find a way. And we did."

Boston opened a 5½-game lead over Anaheim in the AL wild-card race.

Pace: Right fielder Guerrero returns to Angels lineup

PACE, FROM BACK PAGE

Aaron Sele (9-4) allowed five runs and 10 hits in 2½ innings — the third time in four starts that he failed to reach the fifth.

The right-hander is a 6-7 in his last eight starts with a 2.45 ERA, after becoming the first pitcher in club history to start a season 7-0. "I threw up 10 singles. That's part of baseball," Sele said.

"You try to make quality pitches, but at the same time, you need

to get outs."

All-Star right fielder Vladimir Guerrero was back in the Angels lineup, one night after getting beamed on the left side of the head by a pitch from Seattle's Ryan Franklin. Guerrero, who was 1-for-4, hit his second triple of the season and scored on a groundout by Garret Anderson, trimming Seattle's lead to 5-3 in the third.

The Angels learned before the game that they will play the rest

of the season without second baseman Adam Kennedy, who tore ligaments in his right knee Monday night while trying to make a difficult play on Suzuki's ground single up the middle.

Chone Figgins, who has started at six positions this season because of numerous injuries to Angels regulars, made his seventh start at second base. The first pitch of the game was a single up the middle off Figgins' glove, lead-

ing to a three-run inning.

Suzuki scored on a bases-loaded grounder by Bret Boone, and Spiezo delivered the other runs. He added an RBI single in the third, raising his RBI total to 39.

Andres Galarraga, who has battled back twice from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, made his first start for the Angels at first base in place of slumping Darin Erstad and was 2-for-3 with an RBI single.

Giambi ends 0-for-32 skid with homer in N.Y. win

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jason Giambi homered to end the longest slump of his career and Esteban Loaiza finally earned his 100th career victory and first for the Yankees, leading New

York over the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 Tuesday night.

Gary Sheffield hit his 36th home run two days after getting a pair of cortisone shots. Alex Rodriguez almost homered for the Yankees, too, but was robbed on a spectacular catch by center fielder Vernon Wells.

Mariano Rivera matched his career high with his 50th save as the Yankees held their 4½-game lead over Boston in the AL East and stopped Toronto's three-game winning string.

Giambi had been 0-for-32, with 11 of those at-bats coming since he returned from the disabled list after being diagnosed with a benign tumor. Manager Joe Torre kept the former AL MVP on the bench the previous three games, but started him this time because he had good career numbers against Roy Halladay.

Giambi's 12th home run was his first since June 20 against Los Angeles closer Eric Gagne.

Loaiza (10-7) outpitched Halladay (7-8) after finishing runner-up to the Toronto ace last year in the AL Cy Young voting.

White Sox 8, Twins 6: At Chicago, Paul Konerko hit his 40th homer, and Juan Uribe had his first career grand slam, a pinch-hit shot in the seventh.

Minnesota rested Tori Hunter and Shannon Stewart a night after clinching its third straight AL Central title.

Neal Cotts (3-3) got the win, Shingo Takatsu pitched the ninth for his 18th save and J.C. Romero (7-2) was the loser.

Indians 8, Tigers 7: At Detroit, Casey Blake's bloop single off Esteban Yan (3-5) broke a ninth-inning tie and Ben Broussard had five RBIs as Cleveland rallied from a 7-2 deficit. Bobby Howry (3-1) won, and Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Devil Rays 7, Royals 4: At St. Petersburg, Fla., Jorge Cantu hit a go-ahead, two-run double off Shawn Camp (2-1) during a five-run eighth. Mark Hendrickson (9-15) allowed one unearned run in two innings, and Danyls Baez pitched the ninth for his 28th save.

Giants thump Astros, turn up heat on Dodgers

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants can reach the playoffs two ways.

They certainly boosted both chances Tuesday night.

Brett Tomko won his sixth consecutive decision and San Francisco beat the Houston Astros 9-2 to maintain their wild-card lead and move within 1½ games of first-place Los Angeles in the NL West.

Los Angeles was up by six games on Sept. 11.

"This is what you play all year for. Everything's big," Tomko said.

Before the game, the Giants dropped their right to void the final year of Bonds' contract, meaning the slugger will have at least two more seasons with San Francisco to break Hank Aaron's home run record of 755.

Under the \$90 million, five-year deal agreed to in January 2002, San Francisco could have voided the 2006 season if



Los Angeles Dodgers manager Jim Tracy, right, pulls starting pitcher Jeff Weaver in the fifth inning of the Dodgers' 9-4 loss.

Bonds failed to reach 500 plate appearances next year or 1,500 combined from 2003-05, including at least 400 next season.

But with Bonds as dominant as ever, the team decided to keep the 40-year-old left fielder for two more seasons.

"This is where I want to end my career," Bonds said.

For now, his teammates are helping take the pressure off him.

Pedro Feliz matched his career high with four RBIs for the Giants, and Tomko (11-6) came within one of his second complete game in a row.

Bonds drove in a run to help the Giants win for the eighth time in nine games and snap Houston's four-game winning streak. The Chicago Cubs are a half-game behind San Francisco in the wild-card race. The Astros dropped two games back.

Bonds remained at 701 homers, finishing 0-for-3 with his 107th intentional walk.

Padres 9, Dodgers 4: Ramon Vazquez and Ramon Hernandez hit three-run homers, and Adam Eaton (11-13) beat visiting Los Angeles for the fourth time this season. The Padres pulled within 5½ games of the Dodgers, but remained four behind the Giants in the wild-card race.

"Where we're at in the standings, we're desperate. The guys played like it tonight," San Diego manager Bruce Bochy said.

Adrian Beltré hit a pair of two-run homers and led the majors with 47 Jeff Weaver (12-12)

allowed seven runs in 4½ innings.

Cubs 5, Pirates 4 (10): Salomon Torres' wild pitch allowed the go-ahead run to score in the 10th inning, and Aramis Ramirez hit a two-run homer for Chicago at PNC Park.

The Cubs couldn't hold a 4-1 lead, with the Pirates tying it in the ninth on Jack Wilson's RBI single, but rallied to win their 10th in 13 games.

Phillies 4, Marlins 2: Cory Lidle (10-12) took a no-hitter into the seventh inning, Ryan Madson escaped a jam, and Philadelphia ended two years of frustration in Florida.

The Phillies had lost 14 consecutive games in Miami, including seven this season.

Three walks and a passed ball helped Philadelphia score four runs in the first off Dontrelle Willis (10-10). Billy Wagner completed the three-hitter for his 18th save.

Philadelphia improved to 2-11 against the Marlins this year and beat them for only the fourth time in 27 meetings. Florida fell 5½ games out in the wild-card race.

Braves 5, Reds 4: At Atlanta, John Thomson pitched seven

strong innings, Julio Franco had three hits and the Braves reduced their magic number for winning the NL East to three.

Atlanta can clinch its 13th straight division title as soon as Thursday. Thomson (13-8) is 7-1 in his last 14 starts. John Smoltz earned his 40th save, the 150th of his career.

Expos 6, Mets 1: Tony Batista homered twice to reach 30 this season, Livan Hernandez pitched another complete game and the Expos won before just 3,839 at Olympic Stadium.

Hernandez (11-14) allowed six hits, including Mike Piazza's 20th homer, in his major league-leading ninth complete game.

Brewers 6, Cardinals 4: Victor Santos (11-11) won for the second time in 12 starts and rookie David Krynzel scored three runs to help the Brewers stop a seven-game losing streak with a victory in Milwaukee.

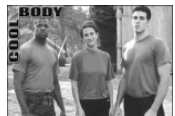
Dan Kolb got his 38th save, breaking the team record set by Bob Wickman in 1999.

The Cardinals, who clinched their third NL Central title in five years Thursday, rested five regulars. Jason Marquis (14-6) gave up three earned — in five innings.

Torn knee ligaments end season for Angels 2B Kennedy

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Anaheim Angels second baseman Adam Kennedy is done for the season because of torn ligaments in his



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right knee, hindering the team's playoff hopes.

An MRI on Tuesday revealed a torn MCL and ACL. If Kennedy requires surgery, his rehabilitation could extend into spring training.

"If my knee just keeps slipping out, or is unstable on an everyday occurrence, then, yeah, I'll have to get it done," Kennedy said. "But if I have some instability only once in a while, I'll try to stay away from it."

Kennedy, one of the Angels regulars who had not been sidelined by a serious injury this year, hurt himself in the fifth inning of Monday night's 5-2 victory over Seattle while trying to make a difficult play on a ground single up



Kennedy

Kennedy made it off the field under his own power after several minutes on the ground.

The injury puts the Angels in a bind. They began the day 2½ games behind first-place Oakland in the AL West and 4½ games behind Boston in the wild-card race. If they are going to qualify for the



middle by speedy Ichiro Suzuki.

The six-year veteran ranged over to the left of second base and tried to plant his right foot, but his leg buckled underneath him.

Kennedy said he will have to do it

postseason, they will have to do it

base. Kennedy Piggins filling in at

Piniella: 'I'm staying here' with Tampa Bay

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella made his strongest statement Tuesday about remaining with the Devil Rays next season.

"I'm staying here," Piniella said before his team played Kansas City. "All these things that have been talked about, they're all somebody's speculation. Nothing's ever come out from me. I'm signed here two more years. With

me, it's always been nothing but speculation. That's all it is."

Piniella's name has been mentioned as a potential successor to New York Mets manager Art Howe, who will not return next year.

Tampa Bay, with a payroll around \$23 million, is attempting to finish higher than the AL East cellar for the first time this season.

Garciparra back with Cubs

PITTSBURGH — Chicago Cubs shortstop Nomar Garciaparra expected to return to the lineup Wednesday after being out since Sept. 11 with a strained groin.

Manager Dusty Baker said Garciaparra probably would start against the Pirates on Wednesday night.

D.C. chooses stadium site for Expos

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Washington decided on where to build a ballpark for the Montreal Expos if Major League Baseball moves the team to the nation's capital.

The D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission outlined its plans Tuesday night in a meeting with city government officials. An official involved in the process, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that the commission settled on a location along the Anacostia River waterfront near M and South Capitol streets.

Washington and Northern Virginia have been the leading locations since May to land the

Expos, who were bought by the other 29 teams before the 2002 season.

Washington appears to be the favorite after an 11½-hour meeting last week with members of baseball's relocation committee. The meeting focused on details of an agreement that would conditionally award the Expos to the nation's capital, bringing baseball back to the city for the first time since 1971.

Baseball's eight-man executive council meets Thursday in Milwaukee, and Commissioner Bud Selig could announce a decision by the end of next week.

The M Street location was chosen over three other primary candidates, including a plan that

would have built the ballpark next to RFK Stadium, where the Expos would play from 2005 until the new ballpark opens, perched in 2008.

Even if baseball announces a decision, it would be contingent on the City Council approving a funding package that would include new taxes. In addition, the lawyer for the Expos' former limited partners say they will ask a Miami judge to block a relocation pending the outcome of their lawsuit against former controlling owner Jeffrey Loria and baseball officials.

Also, Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos could attempt to block the move. Angeles says a team in Washington would cut into his franchise's fan base and revenue.

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Chief's troubles mounting

Holmes injury might devastate winless K.C.

BY DOUG TUCKER

The Associated Press



Running back Priest Holmes has been the lone bright spot for the Chiefs offense, which could really struggle if Holmes is limited with an injury.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Their star running back is wearing an ankle brace, and their best defensive back just got arrested.

That's the latest from the winless Kansas City Chiefs, a team that's opened the year 0-2 by missing tackles, dropping passes and looking nothing like the savvy collection of skilled veterans — fresh off a 13-3 season — that many fans expected would end their season in the Super Bowl.

"There'll be some teams 2-0 that will fold, and there will be some teams that are 0-2 come on strong," coach Dick Vermeil said Tuesday. "These guys have been through adversity before."

The latest dose of bad news came early Monday when cornerback Eric Warfield was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving a few hours after intercepting two passes and returning one for a touchdown.

Johnson County, Kan., District Attorney Paul Morrison said he intends to file charges against Warfield. It would be the third time Warfield faced such a charge in the past two years. Under Kansas law, a third drunk-driving charge is a felony that comes with a sentence of up to a year in jail.

Morrison, who said the case could be delayed until after the season, said professional athletes can expect no special leniency.

"We try to treat them like we would any other person," he said. "They sure don't get any special treatment."

Warfield could also be subject to a league suspension as a repeat violator. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Commissioner Paul Tagliabue would decide on any punishment but not until the criminal case is finished.

Vermeil said he plans to start Warfield on Sunday at home against the Houston Texans.

"The only thing I've been instructed by the Players Association and the NFL to make no comments in regard to Eric Warfield," Vermeil said.

There also was no good news on the status of running back Priest Holmes, who has led the NFL the past three years with 4,590 yards rushing, 6,566 total yards from scrimmage and 61 touchdowns. Holmes came out of Sunday's 28-17 loss to Carolina with about eight minutes left, and doctors said Monday he had an ankle sprain.

Without him, the Chiefs' already-struggling offense could be devastated. Holmes hurt his hip in the 14th game of the 2002 season and the Chiefs totaled only 97 yards rushing in their next two games.

"What it amounts to is how long it takes for the ankle to feel comfortable and go back to work on," Vermeil said. "It's not a severe sprain. I think we have to list him at questionable."

Even more pessimistic is the report on Eddie Kennison, the Chiefs' best receiver. He hurt his hamstring on a fly pattern Sunday, further weakening a position that's already been hurt by the loss of Marc Boerigert and versatile rookie Kris Wilson.

"He's our fastest receiver," Ver-

meil said. "You take him out, it doesn't help you in any way. But I still have a degree of optimism he might be able to go."

The mistakes that cost the Chiefs in their first two games haven't been limited to players. Vermeil admits he made bad decisions in the Carolina game, and he twice elected to have rookie placekicker Lawrence Tynes try for a field goal on fourth-and-1. Tynes went 1-for-2.

"I should have had more confidence in my offensive line to make 1 yard," Vermeil said. "The rule of thumb is ... if you're playing a good football team make sure you get three points. I should have shown more confidence in my football team to let them go ahead and try to make it."

After this week's home game against the 0-2 Texans, the Chiefs take to the road for what could be tough games at Baltimore and Jacksonville.

"The overall team morale is good," Vermeil said. "They certainly don't consider themselves out of the race. And it's my job to let them know that we aren't the only team that's started 0-2 and ended up being successful."

NFL statistics

AFC individual leaders

Quarterbacks			
Player	Ath	Yds	LG TD
Pennington, N.Y.-J.	42	482	4 1
Manning, Ind.	40	410	4 1
Vick, A.T.	39	408	4 1
Carr, Hou.	39	402	2 3
Garrison, Cal.	38	314	3 1
Brees, S.D.	35	355	3 1
Wardrobe, Buf.	30	301	3 1
McNair, Ten.	31	344	1 1
Plummer, Den.	41	489	1 0
Palmer, Cin.	35	395	2 2

Running backs			
Player	Ath	Yds	LG TD
Martin, N.Y.-J.	10	315	2 2
James, Ind.	31	266	52 3
Griffin, Ten.	10	217	2 1
Dillon, N.Y.-J.	47	244	52 2
Griffin, Den.	46	222	46 2
Holmes, K.C.	21	52	1 0
Tomlinson, S.D.	45	208	46 2
S. Davis, Hou.	46	185	16 2
Henry, Buf.	40	148	37 1
Staley, Phil.	34	142	32 1

Receivers			
Player	Yds	LG	TD
Harrison, Ind.	17	142	3 4
D. Davis, Hou.	16	165	1 0
McMichael, Mila.	14	172	12 3
Ward, P.E.	29	132	2 0
Smith, Den.	13	159	12 3
Wynn, Minn.	13	159	12 3
Gates, S.D.	12	162	13 5
Hoop, Bal.	12	113	9 4
Mason, Ten.	13	125	1 0
Warrior, Cin.	11	127	11 5
Chambers, M.A.	10	104	2 1

Punters			
Player	Yds	LG	TD
Lectcher, Oak.	9	381	63 47.6
J. Miller, N.E.	6	279	56.5
H. Smith, Ind.	5	229	62 45.8
Winn, Minn.	5	169	46.3
Frost, Cle.	11	495	54 46.8
Roon, Den.	10	447	55 44.8
Chick, K.C.	10	427	59 44.7
Keen, Minn.	13	449	58 42.9
Corbett, Buf.	10	449	58 42.9
Garold, Phil.	13	547	54 42.1

Punt returns			
Player	Yds	LG	TD
Hall, K.C.	9	112	12 4
Lewis, Jack.	8	87	10 1
Smith, Den.	30	100	12 0
Northcutt, Cle.	9	83	10 1
E. Parker, S.D.	43	86	19 0
Brigance, Phil.	10	100	12 0
Paynt, Ind.	3	23	7 13
Wright, Ind.	2	3	6 15
Dangle, El. Pitt.	3	3	6 15

Kickoff returns			
Player	Yds	LG	TD
Drummond, Det.	7	231	33 99.1
Lee, Dal.	5	137	27 6
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Murphy, T.B.	7	188	26 54
Ward, Minn.	8	209	26 51
M. Lewis, N.D.	8	209	26 51
Scobey, Ariz.	10	246	71 0
Morris, Sea.	19	236	30 0

Scoring Touchdowns			
Player	Yds	LG	TD
Dunn, Atl.	4	4	0 24
Wynn, Phil.	4	4	0 24
Alexander, Sea.	3	3	1 18
Wynn, Phil.	3	3	1 18
T. Jones, Cin.	3	3	0 18
Wynn, Phil.	3	3	0 18
Barlow, S.F.	3	3	0 18
Portis, Was.	2	2	0 12
E. Smith, Ariz.	2	2	0 12
Williams, Det.	2	2	0 12

Kicking			
Player	PAT	FG	LG
Akers, Phil.	4	4	43 16
T. Peterson, S.F.	6	4	43 16
Anderson, Minn.	6	4	43 16
Winn, Minn.	4	4	43 16
Carney, N.Y.-J.	4	4	43 16
Winn, Minn.	4	4	43 16
Felly, Atl.	7	2	35 13
Hall, N.Y.-J.	6	7	27 12
Hanson, Det.	4	6	27 12
Grammaticis, T.B.	4	1	37 10
Rackers, Ariz.	1	1	37 10

Team statistics

AVERAGE PER GAME			
OFFENSE			
Team	Yards	Runs	Passes
Indianapolis	405.5	185.5	244.0
New York Jets	409.0	170.0	238.5
San Francisco	386.0	165.0	221.0
Denver	384.0	149.0	235.5
San Diego	382.0	165.0	217.0
Tennessee	382.0	165.0	217.0
San Diego	382.0	165.0	217.0
Kansas City	316.0	167.5	148.5
San Diego	315.0	167.5	148.5
San Diego	299.0	138.0	161.0
San Diego	299.0	138.0	161.0
Pittsburgh	273.0	100.0	173.0
Miami	265.0	130.0	135.0
Cleveland	245.0	105.0	140.0
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San Diego	260.0	115.0	145.0

DEFENSE			
Team	Yards	Runs	Passes
Miami	276.0	138.0	88.5
Denver	271.0	138.0	88.5
San Diego	247.0	117.0	130.0
Baltimore	240.0	109.0	131.0
Houston	250.0	108.0	142.0
New England	246.0	108.0	138.0
San Diego	232.0	119.0	113.0
Tennessee	231.0	107.0	124.0
San Diego	230.0	107.0	124.0
New York Jets	230.0	112.0	118.0
San Diego	228.0	112.0	118.0
Indianapolis	228.0	112.0	118.0

NFC individual leaders

Quarterbacks			
Player	Ath	Yds	LG TD
McNabb, Phil.	45	575	6 0
Culpepper, Minn.	40	548	6 1
Vick, A.T.	39	548	6 1
Bulger, S.F.	35	477	5 2
St. Louis, N.Y.-J.	35	477	5 2
Harrison, Det.	31	363	4 2
Wardrobe, Buf.	30	363	4 2
Delhomme, Car.	28	363	4 2
Battista, S.F.	27	363	4 2
Testaverde, Fla.	25	363	4 2

Running backs			
Player	Ath	Yds	LG TD
Green, G.B.	42	219	50 54
T. Jones, Cin.	41	219	50 54
Barlow, S.F.	39	190	49 3
Stallworth, N.Y.-J.	28	184	52 4
Westbrook, Phil.	29	186	53 7
Foster, Sea.	45	180	43 2
Alexander, Sea.	27	167	45 1
M. Faulk, St.L.	34	148	48 4
Vick, Atl.	18	119	46 2

Receivers			
Player	Yds	LG	TD
Bruce, St.L.	17	124	16 9
H. Smith, Ind.	17	113	16 9
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E. Johnson, S.F.	13	146	11 2
Clayton, T.B.	13	114	8 8
Stallworth, N.Y.-J.	12	148	12 4
Jackson, Sea.	12	148	12 4
Owen, Minn.	12	148	12 4
Coles, Was.	12	127	10 6
Moss, Minn.	3	96	8 0

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Mohr, Atl.	12	504	58 42.9
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Mahe, Phil.	5	91	10 1
Chalmers, G.B.	5	91	10 1
M. Lewis, N.D.	6	58	9 7
Ross, Atl.	6	58	9 7
Morton, Was.	4	44	7 14
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Vikings know point is to finish drives

BY DAVE CAMPBELL

The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Moving the ball isn't a problem for Minnesota's high-powered offense, but the Vikings realize that doesn't matter if they don't finish their drives.

"Yards mean nothing," coach Mike Tice said Tuesday. "It's all about points for and points against."

That was painfully clear for Minnesota on Monday night in Philadelphia. The Vikings gained 41 yards and held the ball for nearly 38 minutes, but the Eagles went 27-16.

Here's why: ■ Minnesota didn't score a touchdown until 3:32 remained in

the game, a 4-yard pass from Daunte Culpepper to Randy Moss that cut Philadelphia's lead to eight.

■ Twice the Vikings got behind a goal at the Philadelphia 2-yard line in the second quarter and wound up with one field goal.

"When we get down there, we want to come away with some points," center Matt Bark said.

All three of Minnesota's possessions inside the Dallas 20 yielded touchdowns in a 35-17 season-opening victory. In Philly, the five drives that reached the red zone led to just 13 points.

Tight end Tim Lincecum (knee) and Moe Williams (ankle) were dearly missed in short-yardage situations, but the Vikings

also beat themselves several times.

"Some weeks you outperform your opponent, some weeks they outperform you and sometimes it's a dead-even deal," Tice said.

"Next week hopefully we'll be on the other end where we'll make the plays and you guys will say, 'Seems like you got the red zone squared away.'"

Tice said the Vikings aren't nearly enough to reveal a trend, but the Vikings certainly expect better production deep in their opponent's half of the field when they host the Chicago Bears on Sunday.

"I was frustrated that we didn't score in the half, but it happens to the best of us," wide receiver Nate Burleson said. "It is hurtling in a way, and we just have to get back to the basics."

Broncos' Pro Bowl DE Pryce out 4-6 weeks

The Associated Press

DENVER — Trevor Pryce came into training camp in the best shape of his life. It didn't do him much good.

The Denver Broncos defensive end will have surgery Wednesday to remove a disc fragment from his lower back. He's expected to be out four to six weeks, the first significant time he'll miss due to injury in his eight-year career.

"If it is surgery, I've fully come to grips with it," Pryce said Monday before he traveled to California to have his back examined. "I'm hoping it will only keep me out 2½ or three weeks."

Pryce, a four-time Pro Bowler, was declared inactive the first eight games of his rookie season, but from then through the end of last season, he played in all but one of Denver's 104 regular-season games.

When he came into this season off an 8½-sack year in 2003, Pryce proclaimed himself in the best shape of his life. But he hurt his back last season, and hasn't felt right since.

He played sparingly in Denver's opener against Kansas City — mainly because the Broncos line was thinned out with other injuries. Last Sunday before the game against Jacksonville, he went out for a few hours before game time and decided he didn't have enough strength in his legs to play.

"When Trevor says something like that, there is something wrong," coach Mike Shanahan said.

Dr. Robert Watkins of the University of California, a back specialist, will do the operation.

Pryce's loss hurts an already banged up line. Defensive tackle Luther Elliss (pectoral muscle) is on the mend. The Broncos also had to re-sign tackle Dariusz Holland, who was released before the regular season.

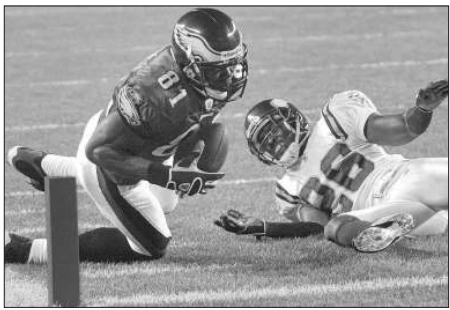
On Monday, they traded a conditional 2005 draft pick to Atlanta for tackle Ellis Johnson, who never reported to Falcons camp this season. Johnson led all interior linemen last season with eight sacks.

Cowher to Steelers:

Worry about your own play

PITTSBURGH — Coach Bill Cowher's message for any Pittsburgh Steelers player fretting that rookie Ben Roethlisberger now is the starting quarterback: Don't worry about him, worry about yourself.

The Steelers' play during their 30-13 loss Sunday in Baltimore was so deficient that the early-season move from injured starter Tommy Maddox to Roethlisberger isn't



The Eagles' Terrell Owens scores on a 45-yard pass in the fourth quarter against Vikings cornerback Antoine Winfield. Minnesota coach Mike Tice wishes he had challenged the call.

atop Cowher's long list of concerns.

"I think it is not so much what we are doing with Ben, it is that everyone around him right now has to make sure that they hold up their end of the bargain," Cowher said Tuesday. "I think Ben will be fine. No one has to do anything special. Right now, everybody has to pick up their game."

Maddox won't throw for approximately six weeks because of ligament and tendon tears in his right elbow, though that is only an approximate timetable and he is soliciting a second opinion from an elbow specialist. Once Maddox is cleared to throw, the Steelers will determine when he can play again.

On Tuesday, the Steelers brought back Mike Kind as their No. 3 quarterback — the same role he had in 1997 — by adding him to the practice squad. Brian St. Pierre, who began the season on the practice squad, now is the No. 2 quarterback.

Winnow's broken leg could bust bonus

CLEVELAND — A few lines in Kellen Winnow Jr.'s contract with the Cleveland Browns could be as costly as the broken leg doctors found on his X-rays.

The rookie tight end, who underwent sur-

gery for his right leg on Tuesday, could miss out on a \$5.3 million roster bonus because he got hurt, ESPN.com reported.

Under terms of the six-year, \$40 million performance-laden contract he signed in August, Winnow must participate in 35 percent of Cleveland's offensive plays to receive the one-time bonus, paid in 2005.

It's unclear whether there is a medical provision to protect Winnow in case of injury.

Vikings' Tice wishes he challenged Owens' TD catch

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Tice said he wishes he would have challenged Terrell Owens' touchdown catch during Monday night's loss to the Philadelphia Eagles.

"But that's all hindsight now," Tice said Tuesday.

Owens hauled in a 45-yard pass from Donovan McNabb to put the Eagles ahead 24-9 with 7:48 left in the fourth quarter, but replays showed Owens might not have had full possession of the ball as he landed in the end zone and rolled out of bounds.

Philadelphia's David Akers kicked the extra point before Minnesota's assistant

coaches had a chance to see a replay up in the booth.

"Obviously if I knew what I know now I would have thrown the flag," Tice said. "I'm trying to do the best job I can to put us in position to win."

The Eagles went on to win 27-16.

In that loss, Vikings right tackle Mike Rosenthal injured his right foot. He is likely out for the season and probably will be placed on the injured reserve.

Also injured in that game was tight end Jermaine Wiggins, who will miss two to four weeks with a broken left hand.

Tight end Jim Kleinsasser was seeking a second opinion Tuesday on his sprained right knee, with season-ending surgery remaining a possibility.

Running back Michael Bennett will resume practicing on his sprained right knee this week, though he probably won't return to action until the Oct. 10 game at Houston, after Minnesota's bye week.

Running back Moe Williams, who missed Monday's game with a sprained right ankle, will be listed as questionable for this Sunday's game against Chicago.

Newberry has surgery

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Two-time Pro Bowl center Jeremy Newberry of the San Francisco 49ers underwent surgery Tuesday on his injured right knee.

"The procedure went well, and we are waiting to see how he does in the coming weeks with his rehabilitation," Dr. Michael Dillingham said.

Newberry, a seven-year veteran, developed the cartilage problem in his knee a few days after camp began. He returned from his August surgery to start the season opener against Atlanta, but missed last Sunday's game against New Orleans. The team does not know when he will return.

Dolphins replace returner Brightful

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins waived punt returner Lamont Brightful, who fumbled three kicks in their latest loss, and signed signed rookie returner Wes Welker on Tuesday.

Welker was waived last week by the San Diego Chargers after averaging 25 yards on four kickoffs in their first game. He had an 81-yard punt return for a touchdown during the exhibition season and set an NCAA record with eight punt returns for scores at Texas Tech.

Defensive tackle Larry Chester, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in Sunday's loss at Cincinnati, was placed on injured reserve. The Dolphins re-signed fullback Jamar Martin, who had been waived Saturday.

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222	GIPSTER	536 TC DET
222	Chickibowow	726 AMS
220	Black Knights	Ramstein AB
220	james a morgan	NCTAMS EURCENT
218	Charlie Brown	Spangdahlem

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422		Darmstadt
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410	TheTexorian	Wiesbaden
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See websites for official game rules.

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Oakland's Tyler Brayton, right, wraps up Buffalo quarterback Drew Bledsoe, left, during the Raiders' 13-10 victory Sunday in Oakland, Calif. The Raiders sacked Bledsoe seven times, have nine sacks in two games and are on pace to tie the season record of 72 sacks set by the Chicago Bears in 1984. Oakland is using a 3-4 scheme run by defensive coordinator Rob Ryan, son of Buddy Ryan.

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The Raiders' new black hole

Aggressive defensive scheme putting the squeeze on QBs

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — After one victory, defensive end Bobby Hamilton made the bold prediction that Oakland's new defense is good enough to get to 12 sacks in a game.

Perhaps it could happen, on a really good day.

After recording only 26 sacks during last year's 4-12 season, the Raiders sacked Buffalo quarterback Drew Bledsoe seven times during Sunday's 13-10 win, four more than they had in any game last season.

The team record is 11, set in 1967, and the Raiders did it twice that season.

The performance Sunday, based on a philosophy to pressure Bledsoe any way possible, is how the Raiders want to play every game. They have nine sacks in two games — a pace that would tie the NFL season mark of 72 set by the Chicago Bears in 1984, although it's a little too early to predict anything like that.

Those Bears were coached on defense by Buddy Ryan, the father of new Oakland defensive coordinator Rob Ryan.

"We're just going to let it carry over each week," said Hamilton, a 10th-year pro in his first season with the Raiders.



Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon faces former coach Jon Gruden in Oakland, Calif., on Sunday night.

"We know that if we go out there and work hard and listen to the coaches, we've got a lot of guys who can do that and get to the quarterback. So hey, we're going to keep working and one game we might get 12 sacks."

The Raiders should realize it will be harder against teams with better offenses than the Bills and more mobile quarterbacks than Bledsoe.

This same defense, running Ryan's 3-4 scheme, allowed the Steelers to take a 14-0 lead in the opener. Pittsburgh converted five third-down opportunities on its first offensive series on the way to the end zone.

After getting to Bledsoe all day Sunday, the biggest play came on the first snap of the fourth quarter when Hamilton, Danny Clark and Terrell Sands stopped Travis Henry for no gain on fourth and goal

at the 1-yard line.

"It wasn't pretty, but I think we did a lot of things better than last week," coach Norv Turner said. "Particularly, we played outstanding defense. A big play on the goal line. Obviously, a goal-line stand is the difference in having a chance to win the game and not win the game."

Clark finished with 11 tackles and a sack, while fullback linebacker Grant got two sacks. Second-year player Tyler Brayton, who has been playing defensive end and outside linebacker, recorded seven tackles and 1½ sacks.

"I think we played pretty well. I think we played a lot better than last week," Brayton said. "That's what we want to do. We had a more physical attitude than we did last week for whatever reason. I think we're still learning to trust the defense, and I think that's a key to a good defense. They believe in the system."

Buffalo managed only 243 yards against a defense that was ranked last in the league last season against the run, allowing 156.9 yards per game. The Bills didn't get in the end zone until 1:20 left when Bledsoe hit Eric Moulds for a 5-yard score after the ball was deflected by Ray Buchanan.

"We always want to rush well," defensive tackle Warren Sapp said. "We felt that it was a mismatch for them. We felt that we were a little bit better than they were up front. That is normally where the game is won."

Gruden takes heat for a frigid offense

BY FRED GOODALL
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Just 20 months ago, his Tampa Bay Buccaneers were celebrating a Super Bowl title, and Jon Gruden was being hailed as a coaching genius. Now, all the talk is about whether the Bucs are simply capable of getting the ball in the end zone and winning a game.

Analysis

ning a game.

Gruden is 0-2 for the first time in his career, and the league's youngest coach is battling growing perception that his team is in ruins.

"I don't have very many friends today, OK. I've got my wife, my dad who is a consultant, and I've got these players," he said. "You find out who your real friends are when you get beat in a humiliating, humiliating fashion."

The Bucs have lost four straight games dating to 2003, a rollercoaster year that began with the Super Bowl in January and ended with a 7-9 season marked by Gruden's ugly split with receiver Keyshawn Johnson and the coach's rift with former general manager Rich McKay.

Johnson was benched with six weeks remaining in the season. McKay was fired before the end of the year, too, leaving for the Atlanta Falcons.

Johnson was the man who helped Tony Dungy build Tampa Bay into a contender. Gruden got the team over the hump, but now he's the man who's helped Tony Dungy build Tampa Bay into a contender. Gruden got the team over the hump, but now he's the man who's helped Tony Dungy build Tampa Bay into a contender.

Although Gruden, 41, rejects the notion he has a preference for older players, the Bucs have gone from having one of the league's youngest teams three years ago to the oldest this season, with an average age of nearly 28.

Free-agent departures and a shortage of high draft picks — a cost too No. 1s and too No. 2s to pry Gruden away from the Oakland Raiders in 2002 — have been a factor. But the truth is, Gruden and Allen are mainly responsible.

There are plenty of subplots to the Bucs' season. The departures of Warren Sapp and John Lynch, Keenan McCardell's hold-out, and questions at quarterback. But the main storyline is the extreme makeover that appears to have left the Bucs a shell of the team that dominated the league not too long ago.

"You have to look at whatever angle you see here," defensive end Simeon Rice said. "Right now, you could have a coach that looks like a genius or an imbecile. The story is out there. It's in our power to really take this game, our own personal game, to the next level and do big things."

The Bucs signed 13 free agents who were at least 30 the past off-season and led training camp with 16 overall, tied with New England for second-most in the league behind Carolina's 18.

One of the newcomers, 38-year-old receiver Tim Brown, was released by the Raiders after



AP

Coach Jon Gruden's Bucs have failed to score an offensive touchdown in two close losses this year.

being told he was no better than the fifth- or sixth-best receiver in Oakland. He's starting in Tampa Bay, even returning punts, because of injuries and McCardell's holdout.

Gruden and Allen worked together for four seasons in Oakland, thriving with experienced veterans often obtained at bargain prices, but the general manager bristles at the suggestion that the Bucs have become "Raiders East."

"It's a catchy phrase, but I don't know what it means," Allen said. "With the Raiders we believed in doing well with our draft choices. The way (Tampa Bay's) salary cap works, the only thing we were able to do is go out and get a bunch of veterans. What we need to do is play better."

The defense has been superb, as usual, despite the losses of Sapp and Lynch.

The offense has been awful, failing to score a touchdown in close losses to Washington and Seattle. And Gruden has been regarded as one of the NFL's brightest offensive minds.

The coach benched quarterback Brad Johnson during Sunday's 10-6 loss to the Seahawks, hoping second-year pro Chris Simms would give the team a spark.

The son of former New York Giants star Phil Simms led two field-goal drives, but his inexperience hurt, too, with two fumbles and an interception. Johnson returns Sunday as the starter.

The opponent? Oakland, Gruden's former team and the Bucs' foe in the 2003 Super Bowl. Allen is confident Gruden will find a way to right the ship.

Tampa Bay is 0-2 for the 13th time in franchise history. Only once — during the strike-shortened 1982 season, in which teams played only nine regular-season games — did the Bucs rebound from such a start to finish with a winning record.

"It's frustrating, because these games have been so winnable and it would have taken just one or two plays to be 2-0," Allen said. "We're 30th in the league in offense. The team that's 32nd is 2-0 in Jacksonville. We have to put together enough to win."

Gruden is playing hard, but we're just not getting it done right now offensively," the coach said. "It's a play here, it's a play there, it's not that far away. But I'm confident that we can stay together."

Widespread second guessing of Mickelson is out of bounds

Phil Mickelson in his green jacket in his closet to remind him this has been a great year.

It just might not seem that way right now.

In the ultimate case of "what have you done for me lately," Mickelson has gone from Masters champion to Ryder Cup renegade.

He certainly wasn't the goat at Oakland Hills; for once, that was a team effort. But most of the criticism probably will fall into his lap for a series of dubious decisions that were magnified by poor play.

First, he changed equipment companies a week before the Ryder Cup. Then he didn't play on the tournament course for the final two days before the matches.

All that would have been overlooked except for his performance.

Mickelson got benched Saturday morning. He lost his singles match with what NBC analyst Johnny Miller called a "nut shot." And his 1-3 mark at Oakland Hills was the first time in five Ryder Cups that Lefty had a losing record.

Asked to explain what went wrong for the Americans, one can only hope Mickelson wasn't serious when he said that playing in the Ryder Cup was a "career-defining moment for us."

If that's the case, Mickelson's defining moment would be that knockdown 9-iron he tried to bounce onto the 16th green along the water at Oakland Hills, and the 18-foot birdie putt on the final

Doug Ferguson



hole at Augusta National. He would be remembered as the guy who skipped two days of team practice, not the one who so brilliantly mapped out a strategy in the majors that he came within five shots of winning all four.

The next thing Mickelson said Sunday night was more accurate.

"When we get here, we are under constant ridicule and scrutiny over our play, and not coming together as a team, and all of this stuff that we know to be false," he said.

Mickelson was begging for scrutiny. Given the events leading up to the Ryder Cup, it's a wonder he didn't replace the small American flag on the back of his team uniform with a bull's-eye.

He is not the first player to change equipment before the Ryder Cup. Tiger Woods caused a stir when he switched to Nike irons a week before the '02 Ryder Cup at the Belfry. But then he won the World Golf Championship that week in Ireland by not making a bogey until the 72nd hole.

Mickelson switched to the Callaway driver, fairway metals and golf ball in the Canadian Open and tied for 57th with his highest score of the year (291) and fewest number of birdies (11).

Not surprisingly, Mickelson was pounded with questions about his new tools during the Ryder Cup. It was easy to blame his play on the equipment change, even though he was coming off back-to-back bad weeks on tour.

Besides, it's not as if that was the first time he has missed a fairway by 40 yards.

And he was using Woods' golf ball when Mickelson came up short on the 11th green and spun back down the hill into the fairway, a pivotal point in their alternate-shot match Friday afternoon.

The equipment issue became such a flash point that David Toms rose to his defense after the only Mickelson contributed all week.

"Hold on, hold on," Toms said, the closest he has ever come to giving a lecture. "He was my partner today. All I can tell you is I think he hit every fairway with that new equipment. He was not hitting irons off the tee. He was hitting Callaway drivers, 4-woods, 3-woods. And he played damn good."

Mickelson repeated he made the right decision.

"Nobody else believes it, but I can live with that," he said. "If I went the other way and played with something that everybody else thought was right but I didn't — that I can't live with."

As for his practice habits, that fell in line with captain Hal Sutton's philosophy. He wanted his guys to worry about their own game and let that spill over into



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Phil Mickelson, whose 1-3 record at Oakland Hills last week was his first losing mark in five Ryder Cups, was criticized for changing equipment a week before the event and for not practicing with his teammates in the final two days before the competition. Mickelson was paired with Tiger Woods, in cart, for both Friday matches and the duo went 0-2.

the results everyone expects.

Mickelson stuck to his routine. He spent nearly eight hours playing 18 holes Monday when Oakland Hills was closed to the public, hitting shots from every imaginable spot around the green, filling his yardage book with notes.

He rarely plays the course in the days leading up to a major — remember his visit to the Buffalo Bills' training camp in the PGA Championship last year?

But no one could think of a time when a player didn't practice with his team. And for Mickelson to practice on the adjacent North

course at Oakland Hills on Thursday only put him under greater scrutiny.

If he delivered, it probably would be a moot point.

But he didn't, and that left Mickelson open to more second-guessing than Sutton.

Then again, that's been the story of Mickelson's career.

What most people see as a bad decision, Mickelson sees as poor execution.

Given the intensity of the Ryder Cup, this might have been a little of both.

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Serena, Sharapova win in Beijing

The Associated Press

BEIJING — Top-seeded Serena Williams struggled Wednesday, beating Russia's Dinara Safina 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to reach the China Open quarterfinals.

"Out of a 10, I'd give myself a four," Williams said.

Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova had an easier time, routing fellow Russian Tatiana Panova 6-1, 6-1 to advance to the final eight.

Williams dominated the first set with strong groundstrokes, but Safina surged ahead in the second by twice breaking serve. Safina was hurt in the third set by double-faults, including one that put her behind 5-3. Williams then served out the match.

Safina was "really just hitting balls once I got right on the line," Williams said. "But every I got used to it in the third set, I was able to get back."

Sharapova, seeded third, wrapped up the first set in less than 20 minutes.

Other winners in second-round matches included, fifth-seeded Nadia Petrova of Russia, sixth-seeded Gisela Dulko of Argentina, seventh-seeded Jelena Jankovic of Serbia-Montenegro and Spain's Anabel Medina Garrigues.

League for locked-out NHL players suspended

TORONTO — A hockey league formed for locked-out NHL players was suspended, but it hopes to return with a better product.

The Original Stars Hockey League, a four-on-four exhibition series based in Ontario, intended to give the players a place to play during the work stop-

page. The first few games, however, were marked by little intensity and no hitting or defense.

"We would like to have had a year to plan this caliber of entertainment," OSHL president Randy Gumbley said. "Instead, we've had three weeks."

Among the approximate 50 NHL players in the six-team circuit are: goalie Dan Cloutier of Vancouver, Bryan McCabe of Toronto, Andrew Raycroft of Boston, Mike Fisher of Ottawa and Mike Comrie of Phoenix.

The OSHL said Wednesday it "plans to take the necessary time to sign additional players, finalize scheduling and sponsorship deals."

Toronto beat Detroit 16-13 before 2,176 in the opener Friday night, and Boston defeated Montreal 14-11 on Monday night.

Vols lose top LB for rest of season

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Linebacker Kevin Simon, Tennessee's leading tackler last season, tore a ligament in his left knee against Florida on Saturday and will miss the rest of the season. It's the third major injury for the junior.

Two arrested in fatal shooting of Idaho player

MOSCOW, Idaho — A University of Idaho football player was shot to death and police arrested two brothers from Seattle after a car chase that extended across two states.

Eric McMillan, 19, was pronounced dead early Monday. Moscow police Capt. Cam Hershaw said McMillan was a starting cornerback for the Vandals and played Saturday against Washington State. A motive for the shooting was not immediately clear.

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Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, above, became the first player since Tony Gwynn in 1993 to have four five-hit games in a season in the Mariners' 7-3 victory over the Anaheim Angels. AP

Suzuki keeps perfect pace

5-for-5 night puts Seattle outfielder within 14 hits of Sisler's 1920 mark

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — With his fourth five-hit game of the season, Ichiro Suzuki pulled within 14 hits of George Sisler's season record.

Suzuki went 5-for-5 Tuesday night in the Seattle Mariners' 7-3 victory over Anaheim, his second five-hit game against the Angels this season.

"I think they all know me, and I know them," Suzuki said through an interpreter. "They know what I can do and I know what they can do. So when you play against them for a few years, it becomes a battle of what you want to try to do next. I think I have an opportunity to get hits every time I get to the plate. I go up there."

Anaheim remained 2½ games behind Oakland in the AL West and dropped 5½ games behind Boston in the wild-card race.

Suzuki became the first player with four five-hit games in a season since San Diego's Tony Gwynn in 1993, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

He has 11 games left to break the record of 257 set by Sisler with the 1920 St. Louis Browns. Suzuki singled every time up and raised his batting average to .372, taking over the major league lead from San Francisco's Barry Bonds (.369).

"I think it's hard for a player to think about records and understand how much it means while you're playing," Suzuki said.

"After your career is over, then you can really enjoy the records and achievements."

Suzuki also had five-hit games July 29 at Anaheim, Aug. 3 at Baltimore and Sept. 5 at the Chicago White Sox.

"Ichiro's got maybe the best eye-hand coordination that I've seen from a guy with a bat in his hand," winning pitcher Jamie Moyer said. "He's been here almost four years now, and he hits balls everywhere they're pitched. You throw a pitch two in-

Most hits in a season

Through Sept. 21
(x=active)

Player	Year	No.
1. George Sisler	1920	257
2. Bill Terry	1930	254
2. Lefty O'Doul	1929	254
4. A. Simmons	1925	253
5. Rogers Hornsby	1922	250
6. Chuck Klein	1930	249
7. Ty Cobb	1911	248
8. George Sisler	1922	246
9. Ichiro Suzuki	2004	241
10. Ichiro Suzuki	2001	242
11. Babe Herman	1930	241
11. Heinie Manush	1928	241
13. Davis Eardley	2003	240
13. Wade Boggs	1985	240
* 11 games left to play this season		

es off the ground, up in the zone, off the plate, inside, and he can put the bat on the ball. He's in the driver's seat."

Scott Spiezo celebrated his 32nd birthday with four RBIs against the team he helped win a World Series two years ago.

He's been impressed watching Suzuki up close.

"I always thought he was amazing, but I never knew about his preparation and his mind-set before the game, and how consistent he was with it," Spiezo said. "It's almost like a martial arts-type thing, where he gets into a zone and he finds a way to get on base."

Moyer (7-12), who had been 0-10 since winning at Pittsburgh on June 18, allowed three runs and six hits in six-plus innings to help the Mariners avoid going .39 games under .500 for the first time this season. Seattle, which had 18 hits, must win six of its last 11 games to avoid its first 100-loss season since 1983.

"Wins, to me, are a team effort," Moyer said. "It's more important for me to keep us in the game and pitch effectively. The wins take care of themselves. My biggest issue has been keeping the lead after we get it."

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